HIT & RUN

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A FEW INTRODUCTORY WORDS

Acts of revolt and rebellion are occurring constantly, despite state/mass media propaganda that tries to maintain otherwise. They would have us believe that we live in a stable, peaceful, lucky country, with unparralleled privilege, opportunity and comfort, a "Pax Australiana".

Even the radical left, activists, and other sycophants of democracy support this idea. They are as much to blame for this disgusting white washing and apologism as anybody, and only serve to legitimise the domination of power. There is truth to that old saying that if you are told a lie often enough you will believe it. But to us it is clear; this is a country of total social control, prisons, police, terrifying wilful ignorance, and exploitation built on theft and genocide.

This publication aims to compile any events with a rebellious, anti-authoritarian character that come to our attention, to make visible the extent of this tension of rebellion, and to create another space of inspiration, and communication for rebels. To be part of the widening and expansion of the field of revolt until we find ourselves at the point where we can no longer conceive of returning to obedience and alienation. To facilitate the sharpening of claws, and to encourage the embrace of wild, dignified, uncontrollable *life*.

We do not necessarily agree with the tactics or the motivation for all these actions, but that is irrelevant. The elements of these varied events that most interests us is the rupture with normality, the bold confrontation with authority, and the antagonism towards the existent. These clashes expose the myth of social peace and show that no fortress of power is invulnerable, as long as we are determined.

Within this publication are both communiqués and responsibility claims, but also mainstream media reports that have been included without comment. Obviously unlike the bullshit mass media we make no claims to unbiased reportage, but we ask you take their reports with a grain of salt.

During the period that these events have been compiled there was a remarkable amount of unrest within immigration detention centres, this unrest has been put together in a separate article.

Finally, as well as news and action reports, are letters from imprisoned fighters, or in the case of Felicity Ryder, from clandestinity. Despite concerning repression occuring in Bulgaria and Mexico, these letters are noteworthy due to their authorship by comrades from Australia. We publish these letters as an act of solidarity — to further assist in disseminating their words and to show their link to a broader struggle against the domination of authority.

This first issue of Hit and Run contains articles between the period of the second half of 2011 until the end of 2012. The next issue will cover a smaller period of time, and will hopefully be completed by April, so get conspiring. Until then see you on the streets.

DOWN WITH PAX AUSTRALIANA!
ICONOCLASTS, FORWARD!

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NEWS & ACTION

SYDNEY: HELLENIC BANK IN MARRICKVILLE ATTACKED

6.6.2011

In the early hours of 6/7/11 the Hellenic Bank in Marrickville was attacked and the windows smashed.

This attack was carried out as a minimal response to the murderous savagery of the Greek police on the 28th and 29th of June General Strike against the Troika's repressive austerity measures. And also to express our solidarity with the imprisoned fighters for social liberation in Greece. Even here far away in Australia we look on and are inspired by the dignified struggle against capitalist domination in Greece.

Solidarity is our weapon.
Fire to the prisons.
-Midnight koalas-

MELBOURNE: POLITICIAN'S OFFICE SMASHED AND PAINTBOMBED

19.10.11

Last Wednesday night we attacked the office of Australian Labour Party MP Jenny Macklin, who postures herself as Indigenous Affairs minister. We did this because the Australian government is a government of occupation and ongoing colonization of the Indigenous people of this country. Our actions are in solidarity with the Indigenous people who have been invaded, whose land has been stolen, who have been forcibly removed from their homelands, from their families, whose cultures and languages have been irreversibly damaged, and who are still experiencing ongoing waves of attacks at the hands of our colonial government, of this very office of "Indigenous Affairs".

We also carried out this attack because as non-Indigenous citizens of this country we are coerced into a situation where we materially benefit from the colonization of Indigenous peoples. We have learnt to deny the reality of the origins of our material wealth – we are the "lucky country". The myth of luck disguises the reality of war and occupation upon which our lives are built. We are born into a society that tells us that this colonial activity is a good thing, that it is "for us", that it is "for them". That capitalist, materialist culture is "good". Is "beneficial". That everyone deserves the "great Australian dream" built on the spoils of colonial war. But the dream is a myth.

We act because we want to break the monotony of this existence. We do not believe that material comfort is the sole quality which makes life "good". We act because we do not believe in the cultural superiority of capitalism, and reject the missionary logic of assimilating Indigenous peoples to provide them with a "better" life. We do not believe a life based solely on consumption that is devoid of real emotion, community, individuality and joy is a "better" way of life. This society is boring. It's empty, unfulfilling, dissatisfying. It is built on a web of lies, pain and suffering, haunted by the almost erased memories of ways of life we have lost.

We reject this culture of denial. We reject a society that is telling us that we must accept the categories given to us by society, be it either "oppressed" or "oppressor", "colonised" or "coloniser".

We are against colonisation. We are against

the assimilation of the world into white supremacist capitalist culture. Everyone is resisting this system every day in countless different ways, from the seemingly insignificant – like every time someone shoplifts from Woolworths, doesn't buy a ticket on the train, turns off their tv because they're sick of the mindless bullshit; to community walk-offs, and rioting in the streets. This is one way we are choosing to not only resist but intensify our resistance and our lives. Through this action we are reclaiming our dignity and clearly stating our refusal to be "obedient" citizens of colonial Australia.

- Unaustralians

MELBOURNE: ATTACK ON PUBLIC TRANSPORT TICKET AND VALIDATION MACHINES

17.12.11

On Wednesday night majority of the Sydenham trainline ticket, myki and validation machines were sabotaged;

We cram ourselves into these steel tubes like sardines. Forced to endure the discomfort day after day, literally being crushed by society. The sweat, smell, and heat is unbearable. As we stand clinging to a stupid little loop, gasping for breath and shifting our weight from foot to foot aching from the tedium and muttering apologies to the fellow passengers we are crushing and suffocating, we can't help but think of livestock packed together being transported to the slaughterhouse. Because work and consumerism is a slaughterhouse of our minds, and free will.

The public transport system is an essential apparatus of capitalist democracy. It is a conduit with the purpose of efficiently transporting the inhabitants of the metropolis between their homes, their workplaces, and the shops. Making our exploitation by managers and bosses possible. Limiting our actions to either work or consumerism.

We are subjected to constant surveillance in the stations, trams, busses and trains. Security personnel silently observe banks of monitors behind thousands of cameras. Vigilantly watching for "suspicious" behaviour. The ticket inspectors terrorise us into paying up everyday, they are nothing else than armed enforcers of capitalism who use violence and fines to guard the profits of companies who make millions of dollars everyday out of their need for us to travel to and from work.

We refuse to cough up more money in order to make the rich richer. They are parasites that are sucking the blood out of us. Fuck them. We wont pay for the rich to have a free ride into luxury.

We spend all our day at work at jobs we hate, making a profit for bosses that humiliate us. And with the meagre earnings we take home we buy into the illusion of happiness and freedom that we can find in the latest electronics, or clothing, cars, and other products which ultimately bring us neither happiness nor freedom. Our homes have become merely the location where we recover from the previous days work and await the alarm clocks chime which interrupts our sleep and signals us to proceed again to work.

And now the metcops who fulfil their role as armed enforcers of capitalism — guarding profits and threatening us with violence and fines if we refuse this exploitation.

We don't demand cheaper, more efficient, or more punctual public transport. We attack this entire way of life. Even to make it free doesn't satisfy us. We already ride for free everyday and refuse to pay or submit to the terrorism of the ticket inspectors. It's not enough to merely evade the fare or hand our ticket to the next passenger boarding the carriage, an invisible rebellion against these circumstances which we all hate. This whole system must be attacked and sabotaged.

REFUSE TO PAY FOR TICKETS
- AGAINST THE DEVALUATION OF OUR LIVES
- AGAINST THE TERRORISM OF THE METCOPS
SOLIDARITY TO ALL FREE RIDERS!

-Artful fare dodgers

MELBOURNE: COUNTER-ATTACK AGAINST METPIG VIOLENCE

19.12.11

On Monday afternoon a young man riding an Upfield train in peak hour was pushed to extremes in order to attempt to escape the terror and punishment of Metcops and the law.

In his efforts at evading both everyday beat pigs and their Metro lackeys he was left no option but to attempt to get back onto an already moving train on Platform 2 of North Melbourne Station or face fines, embarrassment and the physical and psychological violence that inevitably presents itself every time a person is arrested or detained by the cops. We must recognise that the actions of the cops and Metpigs created this circumstance that put this man's life in danger.

Unfortunately he was not successful at escape. Fortunately he is still alive.

After undergoing extensive surgery he has now lost part of one hand from the fall according to mainstream media reports.

This man's blood, fear and pain rest not only on the hands of those who were chasing him through that train and on that Platform but on the hands of all Metcop scum that arrogantly patrol our trains and our stations daily. Whose purpose is to force our hand into our pocket and cough up our measly wages so that we can navigate paths through this city – to our friends, families, to food and of course our work where we must sell our lives to buy our legality.

We choose not to wait until more tragedies occur on our train lines and in our stations but feel the need to act immediately to express our solidarity with all fare evaders, escapees of the law and to state clearly that Metcops, 'real' cops and "protective services officers" are our daily enemy that we all must avoid, outsmart and outrun.

North Melbourne Station is an obvious location to attack as it was the scene of this horrific accident. Despite your surveillance, under the cover of night we will let our rage spill, we will shatter your smug notions of immunity. They must be held accountable.

They are breathing a sigh of relief that they did not kill that man on Monday, but only because they fear public outcry, fear losing their job – not because they give a shit about his life. Does wrongdoing look like a person without a ticket? Or a person chasing that person to near death in order to hand out a fine?

Against "protective service officers", cops and metpigs patrolling our public spaces.

For immediate responses to inevitable future misues of power by all forms of authority.

Solidarity to our recovering friend whom we may never meet.

Solidarity to all free riders.

ENDNOTE:

Two friends have been taken in for questioning in relation to this attack. May we give open, ongoing solidarity to them in this time. Let us take this oppurtunity to broaden this resistance on every level – the mainstream media have taken it on board and its everybodies responsibility to trash the pigs cover-up story of their guilt.

MELBOURNE: ATTACK ON COMMONWEALTH BANK BRANCH

24.12.11

In the early hours of the 24/12/2011 we attacked the Mountain Gate branch of the Commonwealth Bank with rocks causing some damage to windows in a small, spontaneous expression of nihilistic solidarity with our comrades fighting the state both here in Australia and all over the world.

We would like to dedicate this action to the comrades who were arrested by the pigs and accused of the counter-attack against transit cop violence at North Melbourne railway station and to the comrades who evaded capture and are still running free. Even though we do not know you, your action filled us with much happiness and we were angered to learn of the arrests – we want you to know that you are not alone and that we also agree with your statement that it is now time to broaden the resistance here in Melbourne!

We also dedicate this action to all active anarchist cells and to all imprisoned anarchist fighters across the planet.

DESTROY CAPITAL!
DESTROY THE BANKS!
DESTROY THE STATE!
For The Total Destruction Of All That Oppresses!

Insurgents Anonymous

SYDNEY: NEW YEAR'S EVE SOLI NOISE DEMO AT VILLAWOOD DETENTION CENTRE

1.1.12

At midnight, as 2011 became 2012, a group of anarchists held a small noise demo outside Villawood Immigration Detention Centre with fireworks, drums, chants and a banner reading 'NO ONE A HOSTAGE IN THE HANDS OF THE STATE – FIRE TO THE PRISONS'. People inside heard us and answered by waving and shouting 'freedom.' Being able to communicate with people across these borders meant that, even though it was a small gesture, for us it was a beautiful way to start this new year.

We made this demo to show our solidarity with people locked up, who resisted their imprisonment by tearing apart their cages from Christmas Island to Villawood in 2011. It was another year in Australia in which nationalist fervour about border protection meant hundreds of deaths, many people deported and thousands of people locked in immigration detention.

We also went to Villawood as part of the spreading worldwide tradition of new year's eve prison demos, in solidarity with everyone resisting inside and outside all cages.

THE PASSION FOR FREEDOM
IS STRONGER THAN THEIR PRISONS

- some anarchists

SYDNEY: ANARCHISTS CELEBRATE NYE

1.1.12

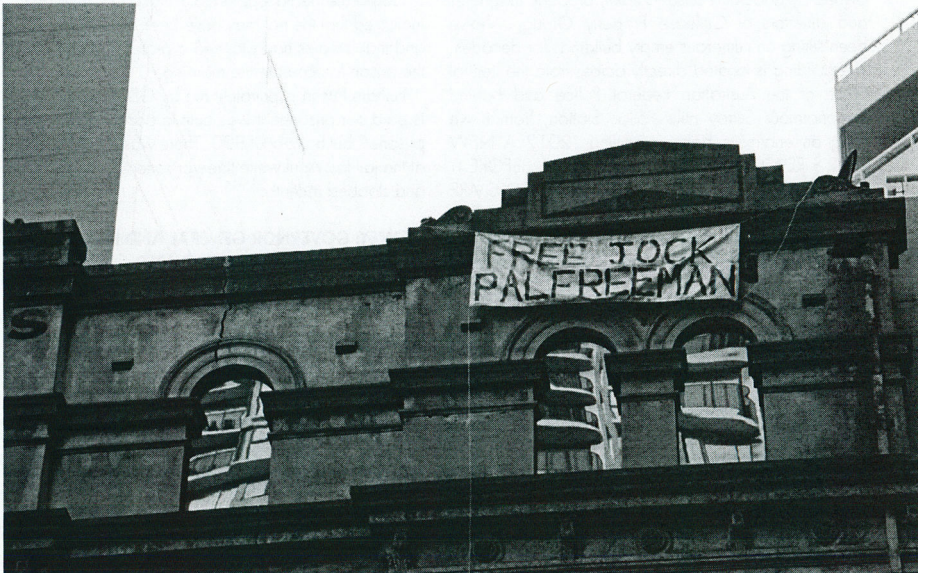
On New Years Eve while the city streets were packed with drunken revelers and riot cops, a group of anarchists dropped 18 banners from five empty buildings in centre of Sydney. Sound-systems were also set up in two of the buildings with an anti-police hip hop/punk/dubstep mix which blasted out onto the streets. Anarchist slogans and symbols were sprayed on the windows in the buildings and on buses and banks in the streets below.

One of the locations from which we dropped 4 banners and set up a sound-system was a 7 story office building, chosen in solidarity with comrades in the Occupy Sydney movement who had recently squatted the space for a week in an attempt to build a social centre.

A free library, a gym, a free school, a rooftop garden and a free shop were all being established when private security and a locksmith breached the first barricade. 5 comrades inside then barricaded multiple doors and the stairwell, dropped 5 banners and also activated a loud sound-system during a 4 hour eviction by over 100 police including the bomb disposal squad.

The 4 banners we dropped from the evicted social centre read "PROPERTY IS THEFT", "DON'T FUCK WITH US", "VISUALISE INDUSTRIAL COLLAPSE" and "FIGHT BACK".

We also selected a construction site financed by ANZ to drop 2 banners reading "NO JOBS ON A DEAD PLANET" and "CAN'T EAT COAL, CAN'T DRINK GAS". ANZ is one of Australia's largest banks



and a financier of numerous mining projects which pollute and destroy the native life and wilderness we love.

A long abandoned building directly across from the Greek consulate and Beirut Hellenic Bank was also chosen and we left a banner in Greek which translates as "FREEDOM TO OUR COMRADES IN PRISON" and another reading "FREE JOCK PALFREEMAN".

An empty 18 story office building was also entered, from which we activated our second sound system and hung 3 banners in solidarity with the struggle of our indigenous comrades, reading "DECOLONISE SYDNEY" & "SOVEREIGNTY NEVER CEDED"and 2 banners in solidarity with the struggle of all refugees, reading "NO BORDERS NO NATIONS", & "NO ONE IS ILLEGAL".

Another 2 large banners reading "NO WAR BUT CLASS WAR" and "NO MORE SILENCE ABOUT VIOLENCE" with Anarcha Feminist symbols, were also dropped, but were removed the next day before decent photos were taken.

We also entered the massive Griffiths Teas building, owned by Isaac and Susan Wakil, property magnates and directors of Citilease Property Group, who've been sitting on numerous empty buildings for decades. The building is located directly across from the central office of the Australian Federal Police and behind the enormous Surrey Hills Police Station, from it we hung an enormous banner reading "2012 A NEW YEAR'S REVOLUTION: DESTROY CAPITAL BEFORE IT DESTROYS US ALL", another reading "ALL COPS ARE FUCKIN' BASTARDS, ACAB" and "FREE AKIN SARI".

We dedicate this small action to our comrade Jock Palfreeman, hostage in the cells of the Bulgarian state, our comrade Akin Sari held in the massive Goulburn NSW prison complex, and the Greek insurgents of CCF, Revolutionary Struggle, their co accused and all political prisoners around the world. We hope this greeting may reach you, and remind you that comrades have not forgotten you inside the dungeons of capitalist democracy.

STRENGTH COMRADES!
WE WILL SEE YOU AT THE BARRICADES,
AND WE WILL BURN
THE LAST PRISON TOGETHER!

FULHAM, VICTORIA: PRISON RIOT

19.1.12

At around 4pm around 30 prisoners in Fulham Prison, near Sale in Gippsland, refused to return to their cells. Up to a dozen ran at fencing and tried to scale it as tensions spilled over on several fronts. Inmates, armed with gym equipment and gardening tools, began destroying property and starting fires.

Eleven people took to the roof. Police used capsicum spray and turned on rooftop sprinklers in an attempt to get people down, but six remained at midnight, with the rest of the prison on lockdown. They were forced down at around 3am when authorities used tear gas against them. The 11 men, aged 19-23, have been transferred to Port Phillip and Barwon prisons and could face charges as police continue to investigate the riot.

Just after 5.30pm, about a dozen other prisoners were spotted by authorities scaling the southeast corner fence.

According to reports, the rioters ripped out electrical wiring in a control room and threw projectiles and performed "doughnuts" in a prison maintenance vehicle.

Corrections Commissioner Robert Hastings identified the causes of discontent as the introduction of new flexible toothbrushes (said to be a security measure), plans to cancel pay TV due to cutbacks, and a stricter dress code for prisoners.

Corporate media reports claim that prison intelligence indicated that the riot may have been planned for days and that inmates had planned a protest march through the prison forecourt in the morning.

Fulham Prison is privately run by GEO group, which is paid per prisoner. It was built to accommodate 650 prisoners but has about 800. There was a fatal bashing at the jail last April while three prisoners were assaulted and stabbed recently.

SYDNEY: GOVERNOR GENERAL AND PRIME MINISTER'S HOUSES PAINTBOMBED

22.1.12

The Sydney residences of the Prime Minister and Governor-General have been damaged with paint bombs during a drive-by attack.

Details of the attack last Sunday morning have been kept quiet by the Australian Federal Police and were only released by NSW Police today.

Closed-circuit TV footage shows a car stopping out the front of Admiralty House and then Kirribilli House.

A person is then seen to throw five separate "projectiles" out of the window. Police said they appeared to be containers filled with white paint.

The vehicle then drives away without anyone getting out of the vehicle.

Both incidents happened at about 4.05am on Sunday morning.

"The incidents is being investigated by the Australian Federal Police protection unit," a NSW Police spokesman said. "They have shown us the CCTV footage but they are investigating the crime."

Neither Governor-General Quentin Bryce nor Prime Minister Julia Gillard were in residence at the time.

Police said the substance stained the driveway, security gate, gate pillars and roadways at Kirribilli House and Admiralty House.

CANBERRA: BANNER DROP DEMANDS SOVEREIGNTY

26.1.12

A group of Canberra anarchists dropped 3 banners around the Civic in the nation's capital, as an autonomous action in solidarity with Aboriginal Tent Embassy's 40 years of struggle.

One banner was hung on the pedestrian bridge on Alinga St reading '(AUSTRALIA – crossed out) INVASION DAY. SOVEREIGNTY NEVER CEDED". Another two were hung from a large empty building on London St directly opposite the Department of Public Prosecutions and an Australian Federal Police station which read "224 YEARS OF OCCUPATION, 224 YEARS OF RESISTANCE" and "STOLEN LAND".

This small action follows on the heels of worldwide publicity of tent embassy protests, after Aboriginal activists frightened the police and security teams of the nations two major political party leaders into a humiliating 'escape' from an Australia Day function beside the aptly named 'Pork Barrel Cafe'.

The Prime Minister's police escort assaulted numerous angry but nonviolent Embassy activists, whom hilariously captured the Prime Minister's left shoe in the melee.

Embassy activists responded on the 27th by marching on the Parliament House and burning the colonial flag at the feet of a line of shaking riot police guarding the front door.

We made this action in solidarity with all principled indigenous activists not afraid of political or media censure in their fight for land and sovereignty and against the 'respectable' Aboriginal 'leaders' such as Warren Mundine, who went as far as to suggest protesters should be charged after the Invasion Day confrontation.

Embassy protests have been demanding recognition

of first nation sovereignty, an end to the disproportionate rates of incarceration of Indigenous people and ongoing repression of traditional culture through 224 years of colonial policies, such as the NT intervention.

CANBERRA: SYRIAN EMBASSY STORMED

4.2.12

Up to forty people stormed the Syrian embassy at about 9.30pm, causing extensive damage inside. The attack coincided with embassies in London, Berlin, Athens, Cairo, Kuwait and Tripoli, in protest against the Syrian government's brutal repression of dissidents.

Three people were in the Canberra embassy but no one was hurt. No arrests have been made and the attackers have not been identified.

The Federal Police say the raid happened just as security was being tightened at the embassy as reports of the events overseas was received.

BRISBANE: POLICE CARS ATTACKED

11.2.12

Police were pelted with bottles and other projectiles and their cars were sprayed with graffiti when they went to shut down a party gatecrashed by 400 teenagers in Brisbane on Saturday night. Six people were arrested.

A helicopter was called in to shut down another out-of-control party on the Gold Coast the same night.

SYDNEY: SOLIDARITY WITH GREECE DEMO THAT RESULTED IN THE COMPLETE EVACUATION OF THE GREEK CONSULATE, THE ARREST OF 6 COMRADES AND AN 11 HOUR NOISE DEMO AT CITY CENTRAL POLICE STATION

15.2.12

On Wednesday the 15th of February, following a 3 day General strike and massive rioting in the street of Athens and other cities throughout Greece, participants of the Occupy Sydney movement staged a demonstration in solidarity with the Greek revolt.

At approximately 12.30pm, while the city streets were full of tourists, shoppers and many office workers on lunch, a black bloc carrying an "Occupy Sydney" banner marched from the Martin Place Occupy camp down Castlereagh Street to the Greek Consulate chanting "A FATE WORSE THEN DEATH FUCK THE IMF". The comrades made speeches declaring solidarity with the popular revolt across Greece then left two objects in the doorway of the consulate and quickly dispersed. One object was a large fake Molotov made out of an empty petrol tin with red cellophane coming out the top, the other was an empty, black foam box labelled "PANDORA'S BOX: DO NOT OPEN" with the titles of various financial institutions: "IMF, European Central Bank" etc, labelled along the sides.

By 1pm the area around the consulate was swarming with cops and the entire consulate including the entire staff of the Beirut Hellenic Bank, located within the same building were evacuated by police.

10 minutes later a large police contingent made of uniformed and plain clothed police raided the Occupy Sydney camp and corralled, assaulted and arrested 6 comrades outside a Westpack Bank and confiscated a number of cameras.

According to the police report:

"As a result of the actions of the group, NSW Police deployed personnel to conduct the following investigations:

1. Search and evacuation of 219-223 Castlereagh Street, Sydney
2. Crime Scene Guard for the items placed in the foyer at 219-223 Castlereagh Street, Sydney
3. Restriction of pedestrian and vehicular access on Castlereagh Street between Liverpool Street and Bathurst Street, Sydney
4. Specialist Police deployed from the Protections Operations Unit, Anti Terrorism and Security Group, State Crime Command
5. A detachment from the Australian Federal Police
6. A number of Police utilised in order to stop, arrest and caution the six persons
7. A team of 8 Detectives to investigate the matters comprising of statements, CCTV review and monitoring interviews"

Within minutes of the arrests, anarchists called for a Solidarity Noise Demo, and a crowd soon gathered outside the City Central Police Station where the 6 comrades were being held hostage. Banners were immediately tied to trees and poles directly opposite the front door of the Police Station, and visible to all traffic from the busy Day Street.

The Banners read: "Occupy Sydney", "ATHENS IS BURNING SYDNEY IS WAITING", "A.C.A.B", "SOLIDARITY MEANS ATTACK"

A large banner reading "NO JUSTICE NO PEACE FUCK THE POLICE" was also held up along Day St for all passing traffic to see.

Large drums were also improvised and a beautiful racket filled the area all around the station. Many people stopped to watch and take photos, some congratulated us, and others danced to the drums. Many cars also honked their horns, some shouting "good on ya" and giving a thumbs up or waving fists from their windows as they passed by.

Many police watched from inside the police station and some came out to read the banners and scowl at us before retreating back to their hole.

Throughout the long demo, police made repeated attempts to disperse the crowd and stop the drumming,

officers occasionally came out of the police station shoving and abusing comrades, but the crowd remained, continued drumming and defended the banners over a period of 9 hours. One enraged policeman even told the crowd that the drumming was intimidating police, and witnesses inside the station had been too overwhelmed by the noise to give statements, as if that would encourage us to stop.

At about 11pm police suddenly and very quickly mobilised a line of officers in front of the crowd and made an announcement that the demonstration was illegal and everyone must disperse immediately or face arrest, at this time a line of police had moved around the block and formed a line behind the demonstrators. The front line of police immediately moved on two comrades carrying the "NO JUSTICE NO PEACE FUCK THE POLICE" banner. Both comrades ran with the banner, evading the police cordon by running through the traffic on Day St. The comrades then reopened the banner on the other side of the road but where forced to continue to flee as a number of police then pursued them across the street. The comrades abandoned the banner and ran into an underground car park where one comrade was cornered and arrested, while the other temporarily evaded the pigs, before being arrested 15 minutes later while attempting to flee through a fire escape.

One other comrade also broke through the cordon and evaded a number of police in pursuit by passing through a building and locking them inside.

Only one comrade was arrested inside the kettle after they refused orders to leave the area and cease drumming. The rest of the comrades were eventually released from the kettle with warnings they are banned from the area for 24 hour or face immediate arrest.

The "A.C.A.B." banner was the only one saved during the raid, the rest were cut down by police and taken as "evidence". Once released from the kettle, comrades promptly hung the banner from a pedestrian footbridge, directly visible from the front entrance to City Central Police station.

Inside the cells, all comrades maintained an antagonistic and honourable attitude, banging on the cell doors and repeatedly chanting anti-police slogans alongside some teenagers accused of shoplifting. One comrade was also repeatedly slammed into a wall while handcuffed, receiving minor but bleeding wounds on both their forehead and shoulder.

Drumming and celebrations continued across the road until all 9 comrades had been released to loud cheers, hugs, anti-police chants and beers, the last comrade was released at 1.30 am, after being held for 12 hours.

In all only 2 comrades were charged with "false representation resulting in a police investigation". Others were threatened with various charges, one comrade with as many as 6 that supposedly "may be laid pending further investigations".

The two comrades who were charged received extremely restrictive bail conditions, including reporting to the police 3 times a week, a ban on all contact with each other until the trial, and a ban from entering the centre of the CBD.

At around 2am all comrades walked away in a celebratory mood, still drumming and chanting anti

police slogans, with the "A.C.A.B." banner left hanging on the footbridge.

Unfortunately all cameras and memory cards holding photographs and video of the black bloc march and demonstration outside the consulate were confiscated by police and are being held as evidence.

In the 24 hours since the comrades were released, police have raided the Occupy Sydney site on 3 separate occasions, confiscating all furniture, sleeping bags, food, tables and propaganda, leaving nothing behind. Occupiers are currently rebuilding the site.

SOLIDARITY WITH THE GREEK REBELS
AND ALL WHO STRUGGLE

SYDNEY: ANARCHIST INTERVENTION AGAINST THE 150 YEAR CELEBRATION OF THE NSW POLICE FORCE

1.3.12

At around 10am on March 1st shortly before the police began their official 'Sea of Blue' anniversary march from the Rocks, down George St to the Sydney Town Hall, a group of anarchists dropped a banner reading "PIG BRUVA IS WATCHING, COMMUNITY NOT SURVEILLANCE CULTURE" from the Cahill Expressway bridge directly above George St, only two blocks away from the Rocks Police station where 750 pigs were gathered preparing to march directly under it. Once the police began their procession, we simultaneously began our own unpermitted march down Pitt St, carrying a banner reading "NO JUSTICE NO PEACE, OCCUPY EVERYTHING" and chanting "COPS PIGS MURDERS, 150 YEARS, ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!", "ALL COPS ARE BASTARDS, A.C.A.B", and "NO JUSTICE NO PEACE, FUCK THE POLICE!"

We continued down Pitt, directly parallel to the marching pigs, before taking a sudden right onto Hunter St to avoid a police roadblock, then continued up Castlereagh for another kilometre before quickly dispersing at the intersection of Park St and Castlereagh, where a large number of pigs had gathered.

Along the march we received both cheers of support as well as looks of bewilderment from many passersby.

We made this small action in solidarity with all victims of police brutality and incarceration and to express our disgust and opposition to the NSW Police and all militarised forces of law and order who exist to protect the interests and property of the rich everywhere.

Since invasion the primary role of police forces, from the Royal Navy Marines, to the Military Mounted Police to the NSW Police Force has been one of dispossession, murder, and incarceration of the indigenous peoples of this land, and the control and subjugation of the poor so they will work for the benefit of the colonial and now business elites.

A police poster advertised the 'sea of blue' march of police to mark the 150th anniversary of the formation of the NSW police force. Some may question what colour they think the sea generally is.

After 150 years of unaccountable NSW Police violence and injustices,it is time people began to understand there is no use appealing to this armed gang as "workers" or members of some fictitious 99%, the only solution is to abolish them!

A.C.A.B.

MELBOURNE: GRAFFITI

5.3.12

In solidarity with the Greece uprising and with the determination to affect our cities, anarchists painted late night messages around the Northcote area of Melbourne.

On the front walls of the Pankoaki Brotherhood building (a nationalistic Greek association) was painted: "SOLIDARITY WITH THE GREEK UPRISING".

On the fence next door was painted something about the Australian situation: "REVENGE 4 TERRENCE D BRISCOE, FIRE TO THE PRISONS", a reference to a recent Aboriginal death in custody in the NT: death via beating at the hands of the police.

On High Street – the main road of Northcote, adorning the windows of the Byron Employment apprenticeship and trainee centre: "BEHIND THE MOVEMENT NOT THE DESK". A comment: we want anarchy not slavery, we want to do the work involved in overthrowing capitalism/slavery and the rich elite and the work we need to do to stay free. Not to be people payed crumbs, chained to the contracts of the managers to spoon-feed the wealthy few.

Also, although removed the next morning, was "BURN THE BANKS" down a large wall that contains Catholic school children by day, across the road from "SOLIDARITY WITH THE GREEK INSURRECTION" and two more comments on capitalism: "BURN CAPITALISM" and "DESTROY CAPITALISM".

Australia, we urge you – keep your eyes on Greece – nothing is impossible – revolution is in our midst/ours for the making.

WE ARE EVERYWHERE

SYDNEY: MARCH 9 INTERNATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST SERCO REPORT-BACK

9.3.12

On Friday 9th of March in response to a call for an international day of action against Serco, a British corporation running government services around the world, from juvenile and adult prisons to immigrant detention centres, to army bases in Afghanistan, to speed cameras in Victoria, parking meters in Chicago, and soon the Sydney Ferry system.

Demonstrations were held in London, Perth, Melbourne and Sydney, where a number of coordinated demonstrations were held throughout the day.

At 1pm a bunch of comrades assembled in Fairfield, and picketed the office of Chris Bowen, Labour Party MP and Minister for Immigration, in an expression of disgust toward the regime of mandatory detention. Bowen is personally responsible for Serco's contract to run immigrant concentration camps across Australia.

At 6pm comrades then arrived at the Villawood Detention centre for a noise demo in solidarity with all the imprisoned refugees. Demonstrators made enough noise with drums and chants demanding the freedom of all hostages for the prisoners to hear and cry back.

A simultaneous demo was also called for 6pm at Serco's Australian headquarters on 90 Arthur St in North Sydney. At 6.30pm a number of Anarchists and Sydney Occupiers arrived at the Serco office to find police already pushing demonstrators out of the area. The group of mostly socialist activists left voluntarily and the police promptly drove off. The now assembled Anarchists then occupied the front of the office with two banners reading "SMASH SERCO SCUM" and "FIRE SERCO" and a sound-system playing loud anti authoritarian music.

After a half hour outside the office, with no hassles from the pigs, we began to march through North Sydney to the Milsons Point Wharf chanting "FREEDOM KNOWS NO BORDERS" and "PUBLIC OR PRIVATE, DESTROY ALL PRISONS". We then boarded the ferry witout tickets and hung banners reading "THROW SERCO OVERBOARD" and "SMASH SERCO SCUM" from the side of the ferry.

Many leaflets were handed out to passengers detailing Serco's "services" around the world, their new contract for Sydney Ferries, and listing ways to respond directly, from fare evasion, to the burning of their company cars, to the liberation and destruction of the prisons that Serco services.

We defended the banners from one annoyed guard for the full journey along Sydney Harbour, before we removed them both at Circular Quay wharf where a group of Occupy Sydney activists had already gathered holding signs and making speeches against Serco.

We then tied the two banners to Circular Quay wharf buildings, in full view of the thousands of tourists and party goers walking along the harbour on a Friday night.

We hung around the harbour for an hour while some comrades made speeches, then intervened to save the "THROW SERCO OVERBOARD" banner from a guard whom attempted to pull it down. We then took the banner onto the Cahill Expressway bridge and dropped it again with the "FIRE SERCO" banner, directly above the Circular Quay wharf. We then threw our remaining leaflets off the bridge onto the hundreds of sightseers bellow, then dispersed into the night.

This small action was carried out as an expression of our solidarity with everyone hostage within a prison run by Serco, and to publicly call for the destruction of all prisons and the dismantling of all national borders.

Serco is a clear enemy of anyone opposed to the expansion of the prison and surveillance society, and their property represents an obvious target of attack for anyone with the courage to make a stand.

FIRE TO SERCO
FIRE TO THE PRISONS!

SYDNEY: ANARCHIST VANDALS SALUTE LAMBROS FOUNDAS

10.3.12

In the early hours of the 10th of March, exactly two years since Lambros Foundas was gunned down by uniformed pigs in the street of Athens, some anarchist vandals targeted the Marrickville branch of the Beirut Hellenic Bank.

We sprayed "BURN BANKS", "FOR LAMBROS", "FOR SOCIAL REVOLUTION" on the windows of the bank, put superglue in the ATM card slots and covered the screens with paint.

This minor act of sabotage was carried out in memory of Lambros, an anarchist, social fighter and member of Revolutionary Struggle. He lived with the courage and conviction to translate his anti-authoritarian beliefs into action and he died on his feet, for that we will never forget him.

Eternal Honour to Lambros Foundas, Solidarity with the Revolutionary Struggle and Immediate Freedom for Pola Roupa, Nikos Maziotis and Kostas Gournas.

For generalised attacks on all machinery of capital and the state!

CANBERRA: RAID ON BATTERY HEN FARM

12.3.12

Activists forced entry into the Parkwood Egg Farm, owned by Pace Farm, in Macgregor, between 11pm Monday, March 12 and 6am Tuesday, March 13.

They slashed conveyor belts, destroyed grading and packaging machinery, and damaged office equipment and forklifts. Battery acid and power tools were allegedly used to destroy equipment. Production at the battery egg farm was forced to a standstill.

A claim of responsibility was published on Bite Back: "Parkwood Egg Farm, located in Macgregor ACT and owned by Pace, is the ACT's only factory farm, housing between 100000 and 200000 layer hens in small cages. Last night, Parkwood was infiltrated. Various items of equipment along the automated grading and packing production line were damaged or destroyed in an attempt to cause economic harm to those who profit from torture and murder. No equipment relating to the welfare of the hens was touched; they will continue to receive food and water.

While there are many such facilities across Australia, this Canberra farm was chosen for two primary reasons:

1. Its significance as the only factory farm in the seat of Australia's parliament.
2. Its history as the target of multiple campaigns by a number of different organisations over a span of twenty years, and its consequent infamy across the nation; these campaigns, despite garnering intense public outrage towards the facility, have failed to shut it down.

A large quantity of free-range packaging was found at the facility, with brands including Pace, Coles, and Woolworths Select. It is therefore believed, though not confirmed, that Parkwood's battery cage eggs are also packaged and distributed as free-range. The hens at Parkwood are currently being emptied from their cages one shed at a time and sent to slaughter, as they have reached 18 months of age and are no longer producing at peak capacity. It is recommended that Pace uses this opportunity to close down the facility and leave our nation's capital. Already three sheds have been emptied, with only two remaining.

This action was intended to highlight not simply the atrocities of the 'cage egg' but the ethical impossibility of justifying the unnecessary torture and murder of any sentient being. Free-range eggs, for example, still require the males to be macerated (ground up alive) at birth, just like organic milk still requires the cows to be repeatedly impregnated and their calves slaughtered. We cannot rely on or be content with welfare regulations that ultimately seek to assure us of humane slavery and slaughter, because slavery and slaughter can never be humane. We did not improve the transport or living conditions of human slaves traded across the Atlantic, we abolished the trade, and again abolition must be our moral baseline.

It is time to question the validity of the Australian identity. What values do we consider virtues? The icon of the Aussie battler – the family-oriented farmer slaving in tough times for the good of the country – is outdated and does not reflect the heavily industrialised nature of modern livestock farming. Nor does it reflect the severe environmental damage caused by such practices.

We need to ask ourselves, do we take pride in the shadowy men who hide behind piles of blood money – the Frank Paces, the Bob Inghams, the John and Simon Camilleris – or do we take pride in those who fight for the oppressed; those who don't live by the legal law of the day but instead by a universal moral law, acting out of compassion and for a justice that discriminates not against race, gender, age or species; the voices for all who cannot speak for themselves yet scream unheard behind the closed doors of our nation's factory farms? A true revolution of values will soon cause us to question the fairness and justice of many of our past and present policies, and to say of a system predicated upon hate and violence: This is not just.

Consumers must be made aware of the truth behind the meat, dairy and egg industries. Our politicians have the power to make such information widely available, but choose not to because of the industries' economic value, even if it means more Australians dying of preventable diseases and disorders, more unnecessary soil degradation, water scarcity, and greenhouse gas emissions, and the slaughter of millions more animals every year.

The industries and their employees, on the other hand, must be made aware that they are in danger of being exposed; that their participation in these violent atrocities will no longer be tolerated, and that the secrecy of their actions can no longer be guaranteed.

Members of the public, and of the parliament, must no longer be afraid to stand up and make their voices heard; never through violence but through the affirmation and embodiment of social and ethical responsibility.

Sincerely,
The Blackbird

SYDNEY: ASHFIELD ANARCHIST HQ EVICTED

15.3.12

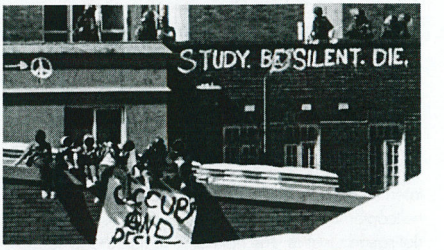
On Thursday the 15th of March a massive 4 story squat in Ashfield Sydney was evicted by private security forces. For 3 inspiring and eventful months the building had been home to over 20 homeless anarchists, students and workers. The space had become a centre of anarchist organising and counter information, where many demos and actions were planned and countless zines, leaflets and posters were printed for mass distribution. Inside the HQ people were able to collectivise their dreams and begin constructing the microcosm of a free society within the shell of an old building. Everyone involved in the space had equal say in how the space should be used and put a lot of time and effort in cleaning and fixing the place up. The squat was named after a large sign on the building labelling it "The Ideal Corporate HQ".

Ideally the building could have been transformed into an open social centre, and we could have publicly announced our presence immediately with banners hanging down from the roof, celebrated with an opening party, created a public free shop, communal kitchen and free school. Unfortunately, due to Australia's draconian trespass laws, and the lack of militant resistance, squatters have no legal rights. Any squat that publicly announces itself or is discovered by security or police, must generally prepare for an immediate eviction. Police have the right to evict, arrest and charge anyone squatting an abandoned building without even consulting with the owner. Despite these difficulties, squatting goes on, as long as there are empty buildings and homeless people there will be squats and squatters. There are over 130,000 empty residential dwellings alone in Sydney, not taking into account the massive number of empty commercial properties. Each of these empty spaces are an opportunity for those without shelter to take direct action for their own needs, without having to wait on an endless line for state housing, or in one of the unsafe, prison-like shelters provided by some charity groups. In the past 6 months alone a number large squatted buildings have been evicted by riot squads in Sydney. Despite state repression we will continue to take buildings, to create spaces free from capital, and to defend these spaces against police intrusion.

We also encourage everyone who's had enough of a life with bosses and landlords to do the same.

For the defence of self organised spaces and the creation of urban communes as bases of resistance!

Toward an indefinite General Strike!



SYDNEY: SOME ANARCHISTS DROP A BANNER IN REDFERN AND DISRUPT A POLICE EXPO IN DARLING HARBOUR

1.4.12

Just before dawn on April 1st a group of anarchists dropped a banner reading "COPS OUT OF REDFERN, OUT OF OUR LIVES" from a construction site at 90 Regent St Redfern. The building now being renovated had been a squatted social centre and a home for more than 10 people throughout November and December of 2010. Within the large city owned building, dubbed 'The People's Castle', solar power, a free shop and free café were established and opened to the public. In mid December 2010 police evicted the building following a failed supreme court challenge to keep the social centre open. Sydney city council, who owned the building, claimed it would be open as a youth homelessness centre within 6 months. It has remained empty ever since.

The banner was dropped in solidarity with a planned gathering of indigenous rights activist to take place the same day at the fence where TJ Hickey was impaled in 2004, who planned to erect and defend an illegal memorial plaque in his honour.

The banner had recently been carried at the annual February 14 demonstration to commemorate TJ's death, when hundreds of protesters marched through Redfern to express their hatred of a racist police force that systematically targets the aboriginal community. Through constant harassment and incarceration, police have attempted to force aboriginal people out of Redfern and Waterloo, to complete a brutal gentrification process under the government slogan of 'cleaning up Redfern', on behalf of landlords, yuppie's and property developers .

TJ's painful death was the spark of a rupture that exploded in Redfern, when Koori youth, sick of the constant police persecution, rose up against the constraints of fear and normality and confronted a police force exposed for what it was, an occupying military force. With bottles, bricks, fireworks and molotov's, the young warriors who made a stand that night asserted their sovereignty against the occupying state, injured

40 riot cops and tasted their collective power.

In the 8 years since, the NSW government has spent millions arming and training the police for future outbreaks of unrest. In 2005 the NSW Public Order & Riot Squad was established and in 2007 they purchased a $700,000 water cannon.

As part of the NSW Police's 150 year anniversary celebrations, a PR expo was held in Darling Harbour later on April 1st. On public display was their new helicopter, numerous stalls, and a demonstration of the riot squad's tactics. The riot demo featured dog squads, mounted police, and plain clothed police throwing bricks at the riot pigs in various formations.

As soon as we arrived, we began handing out hundreds of anti-police fliers to passers-by, in which we outlined the repressive role these pigs have played over the past 150 years (and the previous 70 through earlier manifestations) as the armed defenders of early colonial and now corporate elites.

We also raided numerous police stalls and took all their propaganda, from police recruitment pamphlets (some directly targeting Kooris), to "Cops are Tops" stickers, to police fridge magnets and temporary tattoos, even puzzles for children featuring 'Constable Charlie' the penguin. The strangest of all was a leaflet for a contest to "WIN A DAY WITH THE NSW POLICE FORCE", a 'prize' that many would prefer to avoid.

When police began their riot show we promptly hung two banners over a wall directly overlooking the demonstration. One banner read "DISARM THE COPS" the other was a modified Coca Cola advertisement, which now read "ONE COP, BURNT IN A MOMENT OF PASSION" under a stencil of a burning riot cop.

After a couple of minutes on display, one self proclaimed off duty policeman attempted to take the banners and a brief scuffle ensued. After the angry "cop" was pushed away, we maintained our position while hundreds of angry police looked on, not sure what to do.

Clearly not wanting to make a scene and look foolish on a big PR day, the pigs left us alone till the end of the mock riot when the police MC made reference to our banners, trying to make a joke of our message by calling us "entertainment". Once we rolled up the banners and began to walk away, we realised there were a number of uniformed and plain clothed pigs on radios following us. We immediately decided it was time to get out of the area and quickly dispersed in different directions, before pasting up a couple hundred anti police posters throughout the city.

These small actions were carried out in solidarity with everyone who has been harassed and imprisoned by the thugs of the NSW Police Force and in memory of TJ Hickey and Roberto Laudisio, the 21 year old Brazilian student who was chased and murdered by NSW Police last month for supposedly stealing a packet of biscuits.

FOR A WORLD WITHOUT POLICE & PRISONS
ALL COPS ARE BASTARDS

WOLLONGONG: GRAFFITI ATTACK ON COAL MAGNATE'S HOME

9.4.12

In the early hours of April 9 some Wollongong ecovandals redecorated a $5 million dollar mansion owned by Arun Jagatramka, executive chairman of Gujarat NRE Coking Coal, a mining company which has recently established itself in the Illawarra region.

The company has recently installed over $90 million worth of long wall mining equipment for the massive expansion of Russelvale mine. The recently approved project will not only devastate the local ecosystem but will destroy aboriginal sacred sites and we refuse to sit idly by like 'good' lawful protesters, we will turn our outrage into action.

The slogans we sprayed across the millionaires walls read: CLIMATE CRIMINAL, CLASS WAR NOT CLIMATE CHANGE, NO MINES NO MASTERS, SHUT DOWN RUSSELVALE MINE, I SMELL A GUJARAT, CANT EAT COAL CANT DRINK GAS.

Arun is an international capitalist who values his bank balance more then whatever land he chooses to live on. In attacking his property we wished to send him a signal that neither his money nor the police can protect him from those who love wild nature more than money. We also wished to call bullshit on his claims of total support, "from day one we have received support from all quarters, whether that is the federal government or the state government, the employees, and the community around us."

Despite government support Gujarat NRE is in a very precarious situation, suffering profit downgrades, project delays, a plummeting share price of more than 80 cents in the past year and contractors owed significant sums of money. With concerted community action targeting the company, there is a very real chance to stop Russelvale mine, as well as the company's 20 other proposed sites in the Illawarra region.

As carbon emissions continue to soar, with institutions such as the annual COP summits failing to provide even an illusion of action against climate catastrophe, it is time those who care about the fate of the earth and the living beings that inhabit it to take a stand against the machinery and individuals which are polluting our common landbase.

Although we didn't take any photos of our slogans, local media covered the small action for 3 days running, even releasing CCTV footage of two individuals, with

requests for potential snitches to aid police in the investigation.

Unsurprisingly the act was condemned by "Lock the Gate" a bourgeois farmers association defending their class interests against the cruder nouveux riche of the mineral exploitation industry. Spokesman Drew Hutton described the nonviolent property damage as "completely inconsistent" with a commitment to non-violence. The Stalinist sect 'Socialist Alliance' even jumped on the reactionary bandwagon by condemning the action on public radio.

Australia is one of the world's largest coal exporters and the industry represents the nation's most powerful business lobby. As long as we remain trapped in a system ruled by police, political parties and corporate capital we will have no faith in any reforms toward an ecologically sustainable future. Those who consider themselves environmentalists must move beyond the ineffectual protests and lobbying campaigns of mainstream environmental groups to direct acts of sabotage against the industrial tools of devastation.

AGAINST COPS, CAPITALISTS
AND COAL MINES
For industrial collapse and the creation
of communes in harmony with nature

PERTH: POLICE AND POLICE CARS ATTACKED BY PARTY-GOERS

22.4.12

A policeman was assaulted and police cars pelted with rocks and bottles as officers were forced to respond to another spate of out of control parties across Perth overnight.

In Spearwood, a teenager allegedly punched a policeman in the face as officers tried to disperse brawling revellers at Beale Park. A 17-year-old youth was arrested and charged with assaulting a public officer.

Rocks and bottles were thrown at police cars when they attended a disturbance in Middle Swan just after midnight. Police received reports about 100 youths, in separate groups of about 15 people, were causing trouble on Dickson Drive after leaving a party. One group pelted police cars with rocks and bottles after gathering at the intersection of Dickson Drive and Holding Road. Three police cars received minor damage. No one was injured and there were no arrests made.

PERTH: 100 LUXURY CARS VANDALISED

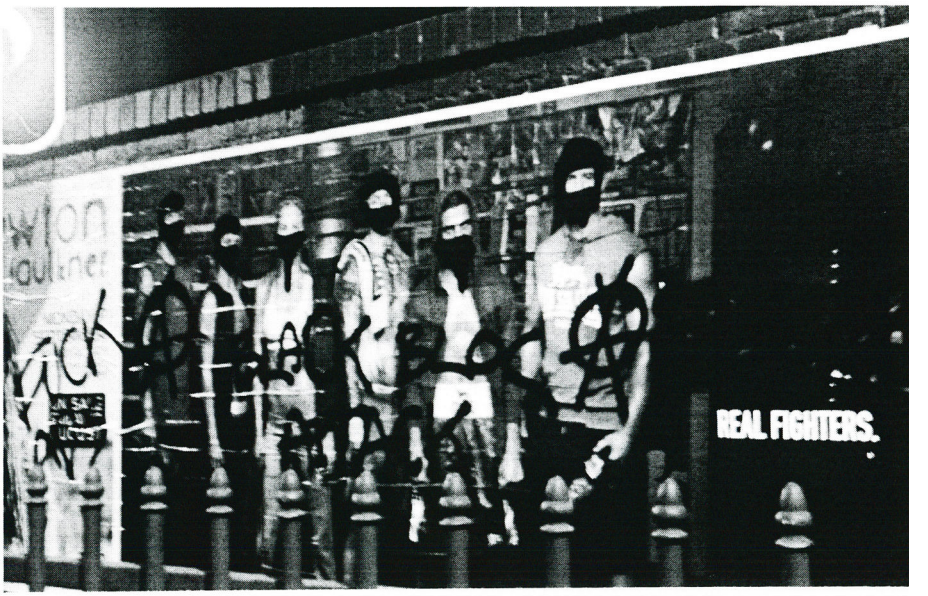
6.6.12

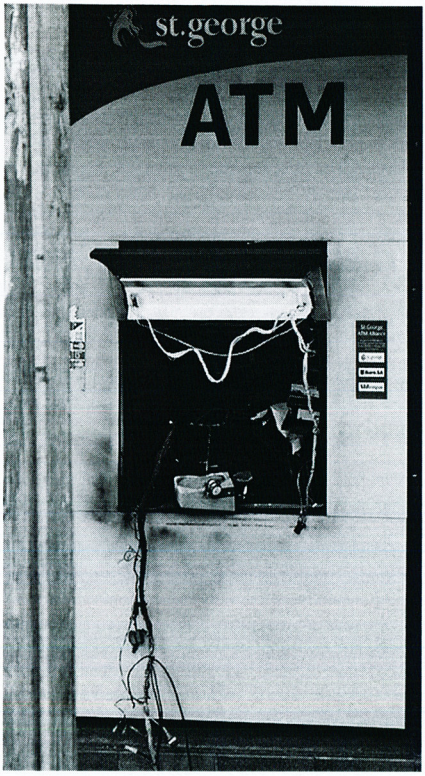
A WA public servant who damaged more than 100 expensive cars using paint stripper has avoided jail today. Gilles Regis Gaudet, 46, of Morley, pleaded guilty earlier this year to 151 counts of criminal damage.

Gaudet vandalised more than 100 luxurious cars by using a syringe to spray paint stripper onto vehicles left in driveways and car parks. One of the cars damaged was owned by Perth Glory owner Tony Sage.

The offences occurred between December 2010 and October 2011, the Perth Magistrates Court was told today, with the total damage bill coming to $402,000.

Gaudet, who worked as an acting team leader for





the Department of Corrective Services at the time of he committed the offences, today received a two year jail term, which was suspended for two years.

The court was previously told that Gaudet carried out the vandalism so that the cars would be taken off the road in the hope it would reduce the risk that his father would be involved in a car accident.

PERTH: REVELLERS DAMAGE POLICE CARS

9.6.12

TWO police cars were damaged when revellers at a teenage birthday party in Armadale turned on police. Officers were called to Kyogle Place about 12.30am after reports of youths fighting and bottles being smashed at the party, which police said had been advertised on Facebook.

Fifteen police cars, mounted officers and the Regional Operation Group were called to disperse about 150 youths. During that time, officers were pelted with bottles and rocks. The windscreen of a police vehicle was smashed and a side panel damaged on another.

Three people were arrested. A 16-year-old boy and a 20-year-old man have been summonsed to appear in court on charges of disorderly behaviour. An 18-year-old man was charged with unlawful damage.

No police or revellers were injured.

ALICE SPRINGS: COPS ATTACKED BY GROUP

14.6.12

A violent mob in Alice Springs has attacked police officers, threatening them with a box cutter, smashing police car windows and freeing people from a police wagon.

Northern Territory Police went to the Hidden Valley Town Camp about 8.30pm (CST) on Wednesday to respond to a report of a fire.

They took a 44-year-old man and a 30-year-old woman, who were allegedly both very drunk, into protective custody. While looking for a person in connection to the fire police also tried to take two other drunk men, aged 54 and 25, into protective custody.

A scuffle broke out when this occurred and other people nearby began to shout at police and allegedly armed themselves with rocks, forcing officers to release the 44-year-old from their control.

That man then opened a caged police vehicle, and released the people who were in it.

"These persons joined in the melee and allegedly began attacking the police vehicles with logs and rocks, smashing windows and light bars," Detective Senior Sergeant Travis Wurst said.

Two police vehicles suffered smashed windows and other superficial damage.

Tasers were used against the group but proved ineffective.

Police used batons against the 54-year-old man, who had allegedly armed himself with a box cutter.

That man received leg injuries which would require surgery, Mr Wurst said.

Three men aged 25, 44, 54 and a 30-year-old woman have been charged with criminal damage and assaulting police.

MELBOURNE: MAN ARRESTED FOR BANK VANDALISM

26.6.12

A Facebook video has helped police arrest a teen who allegedly vandalised a Northcote bank in February.

Police say two young males were captured on CCTV kicking in the front window of a High St bank in Northcote just after midnight on February 24.

An 18-year-old Reservoir man was arrested last week following an anonymous tip off. Police had posted the video footage on their "Eyewatch" Facebook page.

SYDNEY: BANNERS DROPPED IN SOLIDARITY WITH TORONTO G20 PRISONERS

5.8.12

On August 5 some anarchists dropped two banners from the Carhill expressway bridge outside the Canadian consulate. The action was in response to a call out for August 5 to be a day of solidarity actions for Kelly Rose Pflug-Back, an anarchist hostage of the Canadian state, recently sentenced to 15 months in prison for her resistance to the Toronto G20 in 2010.

The banners read: 'EVERY PRISONER IS A POLITICAL PRISONER' & 'FREE KELLY ROSE PFLUG-BACK'

A couple hundred leaflets condemning the repression and celebrating the resistance in the occupied territory of Canada were also thrown from the bridge. Our small act was an expression of our solidarity with Kelly and all the rebels who rejected the passive logic of legal protest and made a concrete stand against the annual meeting of the managers of global capital.

Prisoners to the streets!
No G20 No State

AUSTRALIA: ANONYMOUS TAKE DOWN ASIO WEBSITE

10.8.12

The notorious hacking group Anonymous crippled a computer server at the domestic spy agency, the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation, and claimed the agency's website would be unavailable for the rest of the day.

An Australian arm of the loose-knit hacking group Anonymous announced its attack via its Twitter account shortly after 10am today. "Server http://www.asio.gov.au has been down for some time now, And will be for the rest of the day!" the account stated.

ASIO's website was down for at least half an hour this morning and now either works, loads slowly or doesn't work at all. The spy agency said in a statement that it was "aware that there may have been some technical issues" with its site, adding that it did "not host any classified information [on it] and any disruption would not represent a risk to ASIO's business".

Over the past week Anonymous' Australian Twitter account has been boasting it will attack the ASIO website and that of Defence Signals Directorate. "The anonymous Operation Australia hackers have today again been busy with further attacks on the ASIO and DSD website," Anonymous Australia wrote on Wednesday.

A number of other distributed-denial-of-service (DDoS) attacks and website defacements have been levelled at some 10 government agencies in the past month. The group also recently took data and customer records belonging to business telco AAPT from a data centre and published it on a website. Anonymous conducted the attack because it wanted to to highlight the dangers of a proposal to force telcos to store every Australian's web history for up to two years. Today's attack was done in protest of the proposal too.

The Privacy Commissioner launched an investigation into the AAPT leak earlier this week. It comes as Fairfax Media reported today that the federal government had put the web spy proposal on the back burner, delaying it until after the next federal election.

An Anonymous user in an internet relay chat, believed to be where the hackers have been co-ordinating the attacks on Australian websites, said the attack on ASIO's site would cease at 10pm today. They claimed a "minor victory" after the web spy proposal was put on the back-burner by Attorney-General Nicola Roxon, saying Roxon "didn't want the attention leading up to the election."

"Attacks may ease up," they said, "[but] I cannot say no more attacks will continue.

"We will continue to watch the situation. The operation had only just started really.

"[There] was a lot more heat to bring if she didn't back down.

"But [we] will continue to keep an eye on the Australian government."

Roxon has previously urged interested parties to avoid "hysteria" and contribute to the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security inquiry instead. But the Anonymous group member said hysteria was needed.

"Sometimes you need a bit of organised hysteria to get a reaction with an apathetic public," the anonymous group member said, earlier linking Fairfax Media to GetUp's campaign against the proposed reforms to Australia's laws.

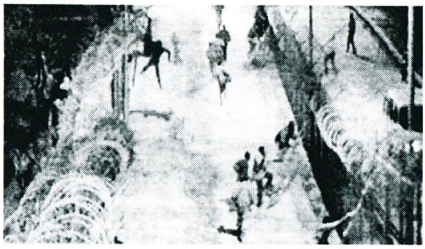
They added that they wanted an explanation as to why Australia was pushing for restrictive copyright measures in the Trans-Pacific Partnership treaty which could, as tech site iTnews reported, "severely restrict copyright limitations and exceptions" in Australia.

BRISBANE: TEEN CHARGED WITH DAMAGING COP MEMORIAL

12.8.12

Police have charged a 17-year-old male over the alleged vandalism of a memorial to a Queensland police officer killed in the line of duty. Police say vandals smashed a thick glass panel covering a photo of Sergeant Dan Stiller at a memorial to the officer at a park in Pallara, in Brisbane's outer south, on Tuesday.

Vandals smash sledgehammer-proof glass to desecrate the Sgt Dan Stiller memorial.



The teenager, of Heathwood, has been charged with one count of wilful damage. He is due to face the Richlands Magistrates Court on August 28, police said.

Sgt Stiller died in 2010 when the wide-load truck he was escorting crashed and hit his police motorcycle at Mt Larcom. He was 33.

MELBOURNE: ESCAPE ATTEMPT AND ATTACKS ON GUARDS AT YOUTH PRISONS

14.8.12

On July 5 four inmates barricaded themselves in a gym during an attempted escape in the Melbourne Youth Justice Centre in Parkville. A guard was held hostage and another had his neck slashed.

Days later, a guard had a cheekbone shattered when an inmate struck him with a piece of drain in a sock. On Sunday night, a guard had his skull fractured after allegedly being king-hit and stomped by two teenage inmates. A 17-year-old and a 19-year-old were transferred to a high-security facility after the attack.

Also on Sunday, at the Metropolitan Remand Centre in Truganina, west of Melbourne, five prisoners aged between 18 and 20 climbed a security fence and threw rocks. The identities of those involved could not be confirmed, but a spokesperson for the prison guards' union said the incident may have involved inmates moved from the youth justice centre after the attempted escape. There was also a riot at the Ravenhall remand centre in Melbourne on Sunday.

MELBOURNE: PRISONERS RIOT AT MAXIMUM SECURITY REMAND CENTRE AT RAVENHALL

14.8.12

A riot at the Metropolitan Remand Centre at Ravenhall in Melbourne's outer west on Sunday afternoon has left a damage bill expected to top $1 million.

The riot erupted just after lunch when five inmates used mattresses to scale the barbed wire fence of the exercise yard to leap into an area known as "No Man's Land".

There they spent more than two hours destroying expensive security equipment and hurling hundreds of rocks into the prison. They smashed every accommodation unit window they could see from the estimated 1km stretch of the jail's perimeter.

Heavily armoured officers used tear gas, rubber bullets and dogs as they battled to regain control during the attempted jailbreak. During the chaos an inmate was taken hostage and another man was bashed.

One prison officer described it as a "bloodbath". "The rocks are about as big as your fist and make a terrific weapon as well. It was absolute chaos and they frightened the hell out of visitors. It's just amazing no one was killed... the prisoners were armed with knives."

The Albion and Atwood units, where the prisoners had come from, remained in lockdown last night.An Ambulance Victoria spokeswoman said paramedics were called at 7pm to treat a prisoner who had been assaulted.

He was taken to St Vincent's Hospital where he was in a stable condition.

It is believed several prison officers were also treated at hospital.

QUEENSLAND: VANDALS GO ON GATTON RAMPAGE, TEEN CHARGED

25.8.12

Vandals smashed more than 60 windows at Lockyer District High School in Gatton, SE Queensland.

Police said a fire extinguisher was discharged in the school's assembly hall and graffiti sprayed on a number of buildings in town, including a North St shopping complex, the Autopro store in Railway St and Lockyer Valley Regional Council chamber building.

Police said the high school was damaged some time between 9pm and 9.45pm on Thursday.

Late yesterday Snr Sgt Missingham confirmed a 17-year-old Gatton youth had been charged with 12 counts of wilful damage by graffiti and another charge of wilful damage for the destruction at the school.

The teenager was also charged with entering with intent to commit an indictable offence.

"Police investigations are continuing in relation to outstanding offenders," Snr Sgt Missingham said.

MELBOURNE: CHURCHES AND CORPORATE PROPERTY SPRAYED

30.8.12

On the night of Friday/Saturday August 25 the following actions were carried out in the Northern suburbs of the city:

1. Baptist church & child brainwashing centre sprayed with the slogan 'PEDO CHRIST'.
2. Railway station underpass sprayed with the slogan 'FUCK METRO' and anarchy symbol. (Metro is the private company responsible for running Melbourne's so-called 'public' transport system.)

3. 2nd railway underpass sprayed with slogans 'DONT WORK: RIOT!', 'MASS MEDIA LIES!' & 'FUCK THE POLICE STATE!'
4. Evangelical church sprayed with the slogans 'JESUS RAPES' & 'FUCK RELIGION'.
5. Shell Service Station wall sprayed with the slogans: 'DONT WORK: RIOT!', 'VIVA FAI / IRF!', 'FAI / IRF' & 'FUCK THE POLICE!'

These small acts were carried out as a belated contribution to the international call-out from Contra Info for anti-repression propaganda actions & also out of general anger & frustration at the lack of any meaningful actions in this city in a long time & also at the fact that there seems to be a church on nearly every fucking block these days!

Unfortunately it was not practical to take photos, and in any case the slogans on the churches were quickly removed the next day – no doubt by horrified church employees! Hopefully the other slogans will stay up much longer.

- LONE WOLF / ANONYMOUS ANARCHISTS

SYDNEY: FEMINISTS STORM ANTI-CHOICE CONFERENCE

1.9.12

On Saturday, this Right to Life event took place. Except that it didn't, because feminists occupied it. Or, if you like, #destroyedthejoint.

NSW Right to Life invited the lovely David Bereit (pronounced bee-rite) to speak at their conference dinner on Saturday night while he does a speaking 'tour' of Australia.

I don't have to tell you that this man is proud to announce that he has closed 23 abortion centres. He was national director of Stop Planned Parenthood. He started 40 days for life. He is vile and he wants to take away women's control of their bodies, and trans* folks bodies too.

Some feminists (no names) were motivated enough to want to interrupt this guy. We wanted to let him know that he is not welcome to fuck us over, to try to change the culture of reproductive rights in Australia. We wanted to take direct, non-violent action to make sure the people peddling this stuff know that they are not unopposed – in fact their opposition (that's us) is strong, tough and amazing. We wanted to take our glittery, beautiful, feminist fight to those who want to take away our control of our bodies. So we did.

We went to North Ryde RSL and threw a glittery ballet flat at him, in homage to other inspiring activists who have used this symbol to make their voices heard. We yelled "this is for all the women who've died in backyard abortions." The room went silent. They heard us.

Two feminists then occupied the floor in front of the lectern. Our comrades rushed in to join us at the front. One of us took over the lectern and spoke about women's rights to control their bodies. We played Peaches (fuck the pain away). Some of us gave attendees at tables our 'prayer for women everywhere'.

We stood proudly in a row in front of the audience. We ruined their meal.

We glitter bombed the audience. We used glitter

and pink shoes and music to have fun and show that resistance against oppression is beautiful. We did it to contrast their conception of femininity as passive, a chalice for 'new life,' with our ideas of liberated femininity. Our femininity is empowered, and on Saturday night, it was about action, fierceness, non-violent resistance, solidarity and strength.

Mary Lee Sargent, a mother of feminist direct action, says of women (this web page is poorly formatted but worth reading!):

"We have been socialized to fear physical danger, discouraged from taking risks and engaging in deeds of daring-do... Despite these obstacles, what leaps out at anyone who reads the newspapers is that women are resisting injustice. For those who look, it is also evident that women have always resisted injustice and will continue to resist it in the future."

We did it. More on this soon.

SYDNEY: ANARCHIST CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE NSW COUNCIL ELECTIONS

12.9.12

In the weeks preceding the NSW council elections, some anarchists and anti authoritarians in Sydney mounted a campaign against the coerced ritual of voting.

A couple thousand posters and stickers were pasted on walls, bins, electricity boxes, telephone booths, and bus shelters mostly throughout the electorates of Ashfield, Leichardt, Marrickville, Rockdale, Hurstville and Sydney city.

Low lying politician signs from every party were torn down, numerous high ones were hit with paint bombs and at least 20 anti voting slogans were sprayed across walls, mostly throughout the inner west.

In the days before the election a number of pre-poll party tables of various parties were raided of all available propaganda. While we focused on Labor, Liberals and Greens we also targeted the propaganda of various independents and small nationalist and Stalinist sects such as the APP and the Socialist Alliance.

Before sunlight on Saturday the 8th, a number of polling booths were targeted in Leichardt, Marrickville and Rockdale with polling booth banners taken and the areas covered in paintbombs and anti voting counter info. A banner was also dropped from the Hathem St bridge over Parramatta Rd in Lewisham, reading "VOTE FOR NOBODY".

Once the polls opened, some of us chose to hand out leaflets encouraging self-organisation and informal voting at a couple different poll booths in Kogarah and Hurstville while others raided party tables of all available propaganda.

Though many of us risked the fines by refusing our citizens duty, some of us chose to vote informal, filling the ballots with anti-politician messages for the vote counters, while also scrawling anarchist and anti-voting slogans across the walls inside the booths.

As polls closed at 6pm some anarchists gathered in an abandoned lot in Ashfeild, piled our political booty and made a bonfire of party propaganda while planning ongoing resistance to any public officials, their laws and the pigs who enforce them.

We will not accept the authority or mandate of any politician, we will not petition or lobby these scumbags for scraps or concessions.

We seek the complete liberation of our mutual desires, the destruction of all hierarchy and the establishment of libertarian communes in harmony with the native environment. These options are not available on any ballot paper and we encourage widespread disruption and sabotage of these enforced spectacles of 'democracy'.

Any hope for a better world must stem from the self organised initiatives of marginalised communities acting outside the paradigm of parliamentary representation. By occupying territory, communizing property, and rejecting the lies of police protection and political representation we can take back our lives from bosses and bureaucrats.

AGAINST POLICE, PRISONS & POLITICIANS
FOR TOTAL LIBERATION
FOR ANARCHY

SYDNEY: HIGHSCHOOL VANDALISED IN CHERRYBROOK

28.9.12

Cherrybrook Technology High, in north-west Sydney was vandalised last week.

The vandals, two of whom have been identified as students, entered the school after hours last Monday night and flooded a second-floor textiles classroom with a fire hose, put glue in the school gate locks and wrote offensive graffiti, some of it mentioning teachers, on the amenities block of John Purchase Oval, behind the school. The damage is estimated at $6000.

One student said the vandalism was a muck-up day prank taken too far. Others suspected the damage was done by students not yet in year 12. No charges have been laid but Eastwood police are still investigating.

MELBOURNE: CHURCHES & CHURCH VEHICLES SPRAYED, PUBLIC WALLS RECLAIMED

31.9.12

On Sunday the 31st of September under the cover of darkness we set off with hatred in our hearts & cans of spray-paint in our back-packs.

Once again we found ourselves in the outer northern suburbs of Melbourne – in particular the predominantly low-income neighborhood of Glenroy.

And once more we decided to direct our anger at the church; there always seem to be plenty of churches in the poorer suburbs & Glenroy is no exception.

Our first stop was the Corpus Christi Catholic Church where we sprayed 'FUCK RELIGION' and an anarchy symbol on a side of the church facing a main road, we then made our way to the front door of the church and sprayed 'JESUS RAPES' and another anarchy symbol.

We then walked across the road to St Matthews Anglican Church where we sprayed several anarchy symbols and the words 'RELIGION BREEDS ENSLAVEMENT'. In the car park we were lucky enough to find two church vehicles. Unfortunately we were not in the position to be able to torch the vehicles so we did the next best thing – redecorated them with some anarchy symbols and some random scribble which will no doubt be very costly for them to remove.

We continued onwards into the night, stopping several times to paint slogans on some very public walls. The slogans were : 'FUCK AUTHORITY!', 'FUCK THE POLICE!', 'COPS MURDER', 'SOCIAL WAR'. 'CLASS WAR' and of course plenty of circle a's to compliment them.

We then made our way to the Glenroy Uniting Church and sprayed the slogans 'PEDO CHRIST' & 'GOD IS DEAD' on the front of the church, and of course we sprayed some anarchy symbols as well just in case they were wondering just who these angry vandals were.

Running low on paint & high on adrenalin we decided to call it a night, happy that we had ventured much further than last time & already thinking of future actions! Next time we will definitely have to bring some fire making utensils as it is high time that the night time landscape of Melbourne's outer suburban wastelands were lit up with the flames of nihilistic social warfare!

We would like to dedicate this night's actions to our chaotic church hating comrades in Bristol UK, the Free Thought Association / Fraction of Gender Renegades. We also send greetings to all FAI insurgents currently active on planet Earth, to all the comrades in cyberspace still operating under the AntiSec banner & of course to all the imprisoned anarchist fighters struggling for dignity in the prisons around the world!

-Invisible Combatant Cells / Anonymous Anarchists

BRISBANE: POLICE CARS TRASHED AT OUT OF CONTROL PARTY

6.10.12

A girl who attended an out of control Facebook organised party in Brisbane claims it only erupted into violent street chaos after police arrived to shut it down last night.

Police were pelted with bottles and stubbies after being called to an address at Beddoes Street, Holland Park, around 9pm Friday after multiple complaints from neighbours. Four police vehicles were damaged and two were towed after teens turned on police. A Queensland Police Service spokesman said more than 500 people were at the party. It took police over an hour to move the crowd, mostly teenagers, away from

the area.

An email sent by a woman this morning to couriermail.com.au claimed of "police brutality" and said she was "pushed and shoved" as the party was dispersed. "Another friend of mine who was sober and trying to find his friend was pushed to the ground in pain as they (police) hurt his shoulder, which was reconstructed twice less than a year ago," she said.

Police arrested and charged a Wakerley man, 17, and a Wynnum West man, 19, with public nuisance, and a boy, 16, was taken into custody for possession of a dangerous drug.

GYMPIE: EMPLOYMENT AGENCY VANDALISED TWICE IN ONE MONTH

11.10.12

A number of glass windows on demountable buildings were found smashed yesterday morning at Skill Centred training depot in Gympie, Qld.

It's the second time in a month that Skill Centred has been vandalised.

About three weeks ago a Mazda work ute was completely destroyed. Vandals wrecked the vehicle beyond repair to the extent of putting a substance in the fuel tank. They also took to the depot with a crowbar and started a fire.

Because nothing was stolen, it appeared to be a mindless act of vandalism.

PERTH: POLICE PELTED WITH ROCKS, BOTTLES & FLARES AT OUT OF CONTROL HALLOWEEN PARTY

28.10.12

Police were pelted with rocks, bottles and even smoke flares at an out of control party in Perth's southern suburbs on Saturday night.

Officers from Police Airwing, the Regional Operations Group, mounted section and dog squad were called to the scene to help disperse the unruly crowd some of whom threw rocks, bottles and smoke flares at the officers.

Disturbing footage from the police chopper released this morning clearly shows hordes of youths outside the home where the party was being held. The footage shows dozens of the youths picking up rocks from the ground and hurling them at the officers.The footage also captures the moment a flare is thrown high into the air right in front of the police helicopter.

Broken glass, rocks and bright red marks caused from the flares were strewn all over the suburban road this morning.

Police were called to the party on Elderberry Drive in South Lake about 9.20pm after reports that about 100 youths had gathered in the street. Gatecrashers have been blamed for causing the trouble.

A 35-year-old man, understood to be the father of the youth who held the party, was issued with a noise abatement order by police over the incident.

Three juveniles were issued with cautions over their involvement in the incident.

MELBOURNE: MARIBYRNONG DETENTION CENTRE BLOCKADE

31.10.12

More than 40 protesters blocked the main entrance to Maribyrnong detention centre after a 42 year old Tamil man lost his application for an injunction in the Federal Court. He was due to be deported to Sri Lanka, where his life was at risk.

The group prevented any police vehicles from entering the detention centre and thoroughly checked all other vehicles before allowing anyone to pass the blockade. They clashed with police as police tried to move vehicles in and out of the facility.

The man won a court hearing on the day he was due to be deported allowing him to stay in Australia until another court hearing in January.

ADELAIDE: $20,000 VANDALISM ATTACK AT GLENELG PRIMARY SCHOOL

9.11.12

Four boys – including two 11-year-olds – have been arrested after allegedly breaking in to Glenelg Primary School overnight and going on a vandalism rampage.

Entering through an upstairs window, the thieves helped themselves to a beer from the staff fridge, took money raised from charity fundraising boxes, stole school laptops and caused around $20,000 worth of damage with spraypainted tags.

Police were notified at about 11pm when several alarms were activated.

A short time later four suspects were located hiding in the front yard of an adjacent home on William Ave, allegedly carrying cash and laptops.

The boys, two aged 11 from Norwood and Kilburn, a 12 year-old from Campbelltown and a 13 year-old from Sturt, were all charged with serious criminal trespass, property damage and theft.

They have been released on police bail and are expected to appear in the Adelaide Youth Court on November 30.

Principal Raelene Taggart said a price could not be placed on some of the senseless destruction.

"One teacher has lost her whole year's program of her work and her desk is just covered in paint," she said.

"They've written all over the honour board, the children's desks and even poured coffee over the carpet."

Parents arriving at the school this morning said they were disgusted, with several asking who would let their children out at that time of night.

The Glenelg Primary School honour board was vandalised during the break-in.

One parent commented: "I hope their parents have to pay for it, it's shocking and they should be liable for it."

"They're children from miles away," another said.

MELBOURNE: SOLIDARITY WITH US GRAND JURY RESISTERS / SHH! DON'T TALK TO COPS!

16.11.12

"I must not fear.
Fear is the mind killer.
Fear is the little death that brings total obliteration.
I will face my fear.
I will permit it to pass over me and through me.
And when it has gone past I will turn the inner eye to see its path.
Where the fear has gone there will be nothing.
Only I will remain."

-Frank Herbert, Dune

As part of the days of solidarity with grand jury resisters in the US, on the morning of Friday 16th November we hung a banner on the Merri Parade train overpass which read "SOLIDARITY WITH GRAND JURY RESISTERS IN THE USA, ACAB".

In addition to that we wrote "DON'T TALK TO ASIO" on the front of the Melbourne Anarchist Club, and a huge "SHH! DON'T TALK TO COPS" on the Merri Creek bike path.

The silence of our comrades in the US, and refusing to snitch or give up any information to the police – despite facing lengthy prison terms for doing so – is inspirational. While across the Pacific those resisting the grand jury are holding it down, on our side of the world some supposed comrades are playing straight into the hands of the enemy.

For some of us the idea of going for coffee with an ASIO agent is unthinkable. Did you pick up the bill, or did they pay for their own lunch? Did they buy you a vegan, gluten free muffin with your soy latte? Would you have drained the pus out of their weeping boils if they had asked you to?

The political logic of liberal anarchists is to use the media to convince society that there are "good" anarchists and "bad" anarchists. We refuse this dichotomy. In the eyes of the state the only "good" people are the ones who are willing to keep their heads down, passively accept their slavery and quietly watch the world around them go to shit. Therefore as people who are actively opposed to dominatio in all its forms, we will never seek the legitimisation of the media/state. And we are proud to be their enemies.

It is crucial at all times, but especially now – during this period of increased, and targeted, repression towards anarchists in Australia and around the world – that we do not let fear and paranoia paralyse us in our struggle. That we continue the vital and dignified fight for freedom and liberated human potential, against the tyranny of alienation, exploitation, and boredom of everyday life under capitalism.

Our silence is our roar, let solidarity replace fear. Our collective rage is unshakable.

Fuck ASIO, fuck the media, fuck liberal activism.

SOLIDARITY WITH ALL THOSE WHO ARE RESISTING THE GRAND JURIES

SOLIDARITY WITH MARIO AND FELICITY

THE PASSION FOR FREEDOM IS STRONGER THAN PRISON

SYDNEY: NO TEARS FOR DEAD COPS BANNER DROP

12.12.12

"The Australian people made heroes of none, and raised no idols, except perhaps Ned Kelly, an outlaw..."

-Brian Fitzpatrick

On December 6 police were called to a property in Oakville Sydney over a neighbourhood dispute over a bird aviary. The police and media claim that 19 year old Mitch and 45 year old Fiona Barbiari barricaded themselves inside their home when officers arrived and that Mitch kept police at bay with a volley of arrows throughout out a two hour siege. Shortly after the detective inspector Bryson Anderson breached the Barbieri's back patio he was stabbed and would latter die of his wounds. Mitch and Fiona have both been charged with his murder.

What followed was a week of commercial media hagiographies attempting to paint Bryson as a fallen hero and the NSW Police Force as brave protectors

and saviours of the 'community', while the accused have been savagely vilified. No cop is innocent of the brutality in routine police work, nor of the dehumanising torture of incarceration. As a high ranking officer with 26 years in the force Bryson has plenty of blood on his hands.

In the early morning of the 12th of December, we dropped three banners from the Hathem st bridge over Parramatta rd in Petersham. We chose this day to time with Bryson's open funeral, which the police and media had encouraged the general public to attend. This small action was made to counter the corporate media whitewashing of police violence and murders, with claims that 'the whole state is in mourning'. We wished to make clear our rejection of police protection and our solidarity with the accused. The banners read: "FREE MITCH AND FIONA BARBIERI", "FROM JOSEPH LUKER TO BRYSON ANDERSON, NO TEARS FOR DEAD COPS!", and "FUCK THE POLICE".

Joseph Luker, a member of the Sydney foot police was the very first cop to be killed on duty, in 1803. From the very first police units to be established following the British invasion, to the militarised NSW police force, cops have played a central role in the displacement and imprisonment of the aboriginal population and the regulation and control of convicts, the poor and working settlers and immigrants in the interest of ruling elites. The social peace that police uphold allows hunger while surplus food is discarded from supermarkets and homelessness while buildings sit empty for decades. This social peace is a lie, only maintained by a constant war against the marginalised and under privileged. The daily violence cops meet out to us using their batons, fists, boots, OC spray, tazers, handcuffs and glocks is no accident. They have chosen their side in this war, and so have we. We are against any peace under capitalism and encourage looting, squatting and confrontations with police to reclaim communal territory from capital.

UNTIL THERE ARE NO POLICE PATROLLING OUR STREETS, ARRESTING OUR LOVED ONES AND HASSLING US AT EVERY TURN, THE POLICE WILL BE ATTACKED. ALL OUR HEROES KILLED COPS.

SYDNEY: SOLIDARITY WITH VILLA AMALIAS

23.12.12

On Thursday the 20th of December in Athens Greece, Villa Amalias squat was raided by riot police and eight comrades inside were arrested. All have been charged with various felonies and misdemeanours and are being held at Athens police HQ till they will be brought again before a judge on the 24th of December.

Following the eviction, the Greek minister of public

order stated that Villa was an "epicentre for lawlessness". For the past 23 years Villa Amalias has been an open political, cultural and social space hosting regular concerts, theatre, dance and language classes, film screenings, free markets and collective kitchens. The squat was a self organised initiative of the anarchist and anti authoritarian movement in Athens and those associated with the squat have the contributed to the struggles of workers, immigrants and the anti racist/ anti fascist struggle.

As a minimal act of solidarity, on Sunday the 23rd of December some anarchists gathered outside the Greek Consulate and Beirut Hellenic Bank in the Sydney CBD. Two banners were tied to the consulate building reading:

"SOLIDARITY WITH VILLA AMALIAS"

"FREE VILLA AMALIAS SQUATTERS"

Leaflets declaring solidarity with Villa and squatters everywhere were thrown, and much noise was made while hundreds of shoppers rushed by in Christmas mania.

SOLIDARITY TO ALL SQUATS
FUCK THE LAW SQUAT THE WORLD!

MUTITJULU: POLICE ATTACKED

27.12.12

Northern Territory Police were attacked with rocks and iron bars during a riot at a remote Aboriginal community in central Australia on Boxing Day.

Six people have been arrested and police say they expect more will be charged after fighting broke out at Mutitjulu, near Uluru, about 360 kilometres south-west of Alice Springs.

Southern Watch Commander Siri Tennosaar says a group of more than 40 people threw rocks, bottles and iron bars at local police when they were called to deal with the incident. The windscreen of a police vehicle was smashed with a rock and further damaged when it was struck with an iron bar.

She says police were forced to withdraw at first and call for help. "A clinic nurse in the community was assaulted as she tried to assist," she said.

"It does appear that alcohol was a contributing

factor," she said.

"There was a break-in at a licensed premises in Yulara during the night and the proceeds of that unlawful entry have actually come into the Mutitjulu community.

"That is how large groups of persons have become intoxicated and it certainly seems to have sparked the incident."

Police say fighting at the community of about 300 people continued throughout the day and they had to call for reinforcements from Yulara, Imanpa and Kulgera.

Those arrested so far include four women and two men. The strengthened police contingent will remain at the community today.

SYDNEY: POLICE CAR ATTACKED AS RIOT SQUAD CALLED IN TO TO BREAK UP PARTY

31.12.12

A birthday party organised by two Sydney brothers turned ugly after its location was posted on Facebook and hundreds of drunken teenagers crashed it, police said.

The Public Order and Riot Squad had to be called to the 18th birthday party at Winston Hills on Saturday night after more than 300 teenagers arrived.

Five people were arrested after some of the mob attacked a policeman and damaged the officer's vehicle.

Police called back-up to help close down the party in Caroline Chisholm Drive at about 11pm.

"Police received a noise complaint and attended the scene where two brothers aged 18 and 21 were having a party," a police spokesman said yesterday. "When they arrived police were confronted with a large number of intoxicated people, mainly teenagers in the house and on the premises. There was also loud music playing. The property owner and police closed the party down, and further police including the Public Order and Riot Squad were called to help disperse the crowd."

Police said the party numbers grew way above what was expected because the address was posted on Facebook.

A police vehicle windscreen was smashed and five people were arrested. Police patrolling nearby Romulus St were confronted by an intoxicated 16-year-old from Baulkham Hills who was one of the partygoers.
He was arrested after allegedly assaulting an officer.

When police returned to their vehicle they found the windscreen had been smashed with a block of wood.

Police also arrested an intoxicated 23-year-old Wentworthville man after he allegedly smashed the window of a house.

DETENTION CENTRE UNREST

12.3.11 **CHRISTMAS ISLAND**

At least 150 detainees break out of the detention centre. All Serco guards withdraw from the compound to search for them.

18.3.11 **CHRISTMAS ISLAND**

As many as 300 detainees were involved in a protest that saw two administration buildings and seven accommodation tents burnt. Asylum seekers armed with bricks and poles charged police and the perimeter fences. Some rioters breached the perimeter wall. Police responded with tear gas and bean bag rounds. The protests started in response to a letter asylum seekers received from Canberra.

20.4.11 **VILLAWOOD, NSW**

At least nine buildings were set alight in a protest at Villawood Detention centre which involved up to 100 immigration detainees. The disturbance grew out of a rooftop protest by a number of asylum seekers.

Sandi Logan, an immigration spokesperson, said:

"From time to time, frankly quite unacceptable, quite appalling non-compliant behaviours have occurred."

10.6.11 **CHRISTMAS ISLAND**

About 100 detainees joined in an overnight protest when guards tried to take a detainee to the feared "red block" isolation unit. Detainees, some of whom armed themselves with metal poles and broken concrete, protested at the perimeter of the detention centre and pelted police and guards with projectiles.

This was the worst disturbance at the centre since riots in March, but there is said to have been some kind of disturbance at the facility, every night since the March riots, with at least three separate attacks on guards in the past month.

14.7.11 **VILLAWOOD, NSW**

17 People were caught while attempting a mass break-out from Villawood Detention centre

13 - 20.7.11 **DARWIN, NT**

A seven-day rooftop protest by five asylum seekers.

19 - 21.7.11 **CHRISTMAS ISLAND**

There were two nights of rioting at Christmas Island detention centre. More than 10 protesters on the roof of the detention centre set fire to sheets, and tents and rubbish bins were also torched. Serco guards withdrew from the detention centre as asylum seekers broke down fences and opened doors to allow free movement between the compounds inside the detention centre.

The major protest follows a series of smaller roof-top protests, and the lock down of the detention centre over the previous week. Federal police responded with tear gas and bean bag rounds.

SEPTEMBER 2011 **DARWIN, NT**

On two occasions over a number of weeks, 20-30 people buried themselves in a hole dug for construction in the compound. There were also daily protests by up to 70 detainees for several months, involving all nationalities in the detention centre – Iranians, Iraqis, Afghans, Burmese and Ahwaj Arab Iranian minority.

Proposals from Serco in response to the protests, to change the food, offer more fruit, bring singers into detention have only inflamed the tempers of the asylum seekers, who demanded an end to their long-term detention.

22.10.11 **SCHERGER DETENTION CENTRE, QLD**

Following an assault on a Tamil refugee by a Serco officer, which left him with several broken teeth and a suspected broken nose among other injuries, other asylum seekers responded with a melee that left several broken windows and chairs. They surrounded the injured Tamil to prevent him being removed from the compound

8 - 10.11.11 **DARWIN, NT**

On Tuesday 8 November, people who had been detained for up to 22 months went on a rampage and destroyed computers, TVs, washing machines, tables and other fittings. Two days later there was another destructive protest, when Serco guards

and Federal Police entered the compound to capture and remove about 10 men to Christmas Island as punishment.

29.1.12

Seventeen Vietnamese immigrants who claim to be unaccompanied minors are missing from immigration centres.

The Immigration Department has confirmed 36 minors have escaped from custody between July 2010 and January 17 this year.

Nineteen Afghan, Iranian, Iraqi and stateless asylum seekers have since been found but the remaining 17 boys, all Vietnamese, are still missing. The Refugee Action Coalition says the missing asylum seekers have been taken in by the Vietnamese community after fleeing to sympathetic members of the public.

14.2.12

BROADMEADOWS DETENTION CENTRE, VIC

An Iranian man, aged 28, stitched his lips up as a sign of desperation. He has been detained for 11 months. The lip-stiching follows a hunger strike, of six detainees, a few weeks ago, where one man was found lying by a fence, refusing to move.

18 - 19.4.12

DARWIN, NT

Four long-term Iranian immigrants occupied the roof of the Northern Immigration Detention Centre from Wednesday April 18 unitl Thursday, when a Serco tactical response group broke up thier protest. The four protesters taken off the roof are now in the high security isolation section of the detention centre.

Another Iranian immigrant attempted suicide in the NIDC on Friday evening. The high security facility is notorious for its toxic environment – producing one of the highest rates of self-harm and attempted suicide of any of the detention centres.

Over the Easter weekend, Serco management warned NIDC asylum seekers that any moves – even waving a hand – to support protests outside the centre would result in their files being handed to the federal police and put an end to any hopes of the detainees being released on community detention.

25.8.12

CHRISTMAS ISLAND

Hundreds of imiigrants begin a hunger strike on Christmas Island to protest against being sent to Nauru for their claims to be assessed.

SEPTEMBER 2012

Department of Immigraion announces detention centres will be remodelled to be riot-proof.

Internal ceilings have been hardened to prevent asylum seekers getting into roof cavities while tiles have been replaced with Colorbond to prevent a repeat of tiles being used as missiles. Cabling on walls was also removed and placed underground to prevent asylum seekers scurrying up walls, a report by the Department of Immigration to parliament has revealed. Some roller doors were replaced last month with hinged steel doors that "could withstand greater force" in the most recent work. Guidelines to handle future riots are also in place which even affect detention medical centres. At times of tension, staff will be required to remove pharmaceutical drugs and potential weapons from the health clinics. Villawood has a new kitchen built outside of a "sterile area" to prevent detainees getting access to knives and kitchen implements to use during protests. Future detention centres could have electrical wiring that would allow power to be isolated and switched off in areas where detainees are rioting while allowing CCTV cameras to continue recording disturbances.

3.10.12

NAURU

A number of men were held by Nauruan Police for "a minor disturbance" that resulted in damage to the kitchen, a tent and lighting facilities at the island's temporary immigration centre.

19.10.12

NAURU

Immigrants held in the crowded Nauru detention centre continue to protest, demanding that processing of refugee claims start immediately and that the Australian government stop sending asylum seekers to Nauru. An Iranian man is on the eighth day of a protest hunger strike. Conditions in the camp have become unbearable.

5.11.12

NAURU

A hunger strike by asylum seekers on Nauru is now in its fifth day, still with around 300 asylum seekers refusing food.

12.11.12

VILLAWOOD, NSW

Three asylum seekers, including a female Fijian asylum seeker, scheduled for deportation today, has taken to the roof of a building at Villawood detention centre in last desperate attempt to prevent the woman's removal. The three climbed onto the roof around 7.00am this morning when guards came to take the Fijian woman to the airport. The situation in Villawood is being managed by Serco who have closed off the building and placed mattresses around its base in case anyone jumps.

7.12.12

VILLAWOOD, NSW

A Villawood detainee who sprayed and threw fire extinguishers at security officers during a riot at the immigration detention centre has been sentenced to at least 16 months' jail. The man pleaded guilty to affray over his part in the riot, which led to nine buildings at the centre being destroyed by fire. The court heard the man was one of several detainees who protested on the centre's roof, and he yelled "Fuck you. Fuck you up the arse. Fuck immigration" at security officers before spraying a number of fire extinguishers at them. "He (then) threw empty fire extinguishers either at the ground or at staff members and he was involved in stockpiling rubbish on the soccer field that was then set alight".

LETTER OF JOCK PALFREEMAN TO THE CCF/FAI

To all the prisoners of war we call comrades:

My name is Jock Palfreeman, I've served almost 4 years of a 20 year sentence for defending 2 Roma against a nationalist attack of 15. I was charged with the murder of 1 and the attempted murder of another. My case is documented further at freejock.com and I don't want to wish to waste words on it here.

For almost 4 years now I've been officially kidnapped in Sofia central prison - State of Bulgaria. The realities of my case censored from the Bulgarian public by a state sponsoring media. I stay strong and look forward to the next 16 years as I know with all the essence of my being that what I did was right. Prisoners of war (P.O.W) are not victims of injustice like the "liberals" speak about in their self-justifying wank. We are willing enemies of the capitalist states and their organs. Prison should never be glorified as a prisoner knows there is nothing glorious about prison. We are cutoff, deaf, dumb and blind.

But this is an admittance of success imparted by the state. Protests are sanctified by the capitalist state as the state knows that all protests have parameters and within these parameters the demands of the people are annulled. I would be so arrogant as to presume that many incarcerated comrades who took up means of direct action did so after several wasted years of shouting in endless marches to the bemusement of the petty bourgeois shop owners. Indeed the only benefit of this wasted time in our lives is that we now understand that it was wasted. Protesters are not jailed as they pose no threat to the status quo of the capitalist elite. In this regard we must ask ourselves "why are we in prison?". Exactly as we do pose a threat to the status quo. Incarceration is the state's acknowledgment that we challenge theory legitimacy to control our lives. Due to this knowledge I wake up (almost) every morning with a smile.

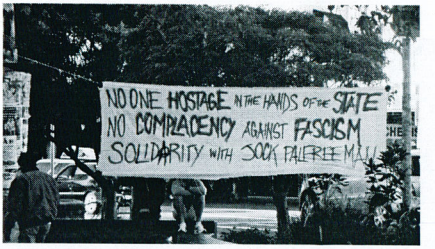
Although our enemies still sit on the throne of oppression, that throne has been shaken. We as P.O.Ws should draw further strength from those who came and went before us. From the Greek students who stared down the guns of the state as they invaded the universities to the miners of Australia at the Eureka Stokade. What we share with these people spanning through history as well as national or cultural bounds is that we've all declared "enough is enough" despite the real potential of death or capture we've all followed our conscience first.

We became enemies of the capitalistic state as we refused to live under their submission without resistance. Although we are in "prison", we always were, as the comrade outside still are. The cameras recording our

lives, police attacks and murders, censorship and brainwashing. The only difference between the state inside the prison walls and outside them is quantity. The crimes of the capitalist state that are committed against the outsiders are the same committed against us insiders. And the crimes committed by the state within the prison walls you can be certain are committed against the outsiders. The only difference is the quality of the same oppression. Specifically I'm speaking to the comrades who have never been incarcerated. Every attack or set up you've experienced at the hands of the state agents, we experience it ev eryday. Every beating you've ever experienced, we experience it everyday. Every time you've felt hungry, we experience hunger everyday. Every time you've experienced a cold night, we experience it every night of winter. We share the exact same problems inside and outside of prison, but the state uses the separation in prison to focus its tyranny. In prison its purified and concentrated. As we share the same tyranny as our comrades outside we also share the same hopes and dreams. I remember EVERY act of solidarity with my case. My heart jumps with joy every blow against capitalism. When I think of the comrades from the Conspiracy of Cells of Fire who showed such extraordinary solidarity I feel a pain of guilt in my heart that comrades were sentenced so harshly for their acts of solidarity. Yet instantly my heart rejoices as I know why they did what they did. I know they knew the repercussions of their actions before committing them. It was wholeheartedly and consciously that they decided to solidarity in the only meaningful way possible to so many Prisoners Of War.

Relatively out of context, i'd like to highlight my problems that affect me in prison. Although pan European solidarity has been shown (including direct action) there still remains a total lack of solidarity or direct action within the state of Bulgaria. Not a single murmur of solidarity from where it should be expected the most. My proposal or idea is to export resistance from where it is plentiful to where it is lacking. All too often I read about solidarity actions being committed in different states to where the issue is located. But Bugaria seems to be a complete black hole on the European map of resistance. With the cross workings of European states, including Europol, N.A.T.O and businesses, we too must be more prepared to seek out the enemy behind any borders s/he is hiding behind, despite cultural, lingual or national difference.

How is it possible that Greece is on the brink of revolution, yet in bulgaria hordes of fascists burn the houses of Roma unopposed? I stopped asking the question "where are the Bulgarian comrades in Bulgaria?" many years ago. Now I ask "where are the Greek comrades in Bulgaria?" How can such a thing



as a state border be such a separator of a movement that claims it holds no value for borders? Our comrades in eastern Europe are greatly outnumbered. In Bulgaria there is no resistance to fascism, only the empty words of the 'liberals' who have the nerve to call themselves anarchists. As far as I know, I'm the ONLY antifascist in prison in Sofia, you might think that a good thing, but it can't be forgotten that we are their enemies; the lack of antifascists in Bulgarian prisons is reflective of the lack of resistance. Although I have no contact with the Conspiracy of Cells of Fire (C.C.F) or the Informal Anarchist Federation (FAI), I recognise that they are part of an effective minority. While the 'liberals' try to negotiate with the nonnegotiable, the organisations like the C.C.F and the F.A.I are the only ones who scare the plump politicians. The C.C.F and the F.A.I are the physical manifestations of the desires of many who are too scared to realise them. The obvious evolution is the Black International, whereby the states that hold our Prisoners Of War will know that we will not be forgotten as numbers on files in a prison archive. As we pay our lives, the state should not be held any less accountable for their crimes then they hold us accountable.

LONG LIVE THE C.C.F,
UNTIL THE WORLD STOPS SPINNING
RAGE FROM THE CAGE

Jock Palfreeman

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SOLIDARITY TO MARIO

STAY FREE FELICITY

JOINT COMMUNIQUÉ FROM ANARCHIST COLLECTIVES AND ORGANIZATIONS IN SOLIDARITY

2.7.12

"Word as a means of unifying tendencies. Action as a means of reestablishing principles in practical life."

—Práxedis G. Guerrero

In the early hours of June 27th, there was an explosion at the corner of Vicente Guerrero and Londres streets in the Del Carmen neighbourhood of Coyoacán, in Mexico City. Comrade Mario Antonio López Hernández was found there with several burns across his body. He was put in an ambulance and transported under police custody to Rubén Leñero hospital, where his leg and arm were operated on.

At no point was his family allowed to see him, let alone was he able to consult with a lawyer that he trusted to make a statement regarding the accusations that he was facing. On the contrary, members of the Mexican Federal District's judicial police hounded him with questions, pressuring him to respond—even though the comrade was not physically able to testify, because he was still anaesthetized from surgery—and to accept his participation in other actions, in particular an explosion which had occurred hours before at an ATM at the building of the Federal Electricity Commission (CFE).

It wasn't until a day later, after pressure from several comrades, that he was able to communicate with his lawyer and family. His family's house was searched, and nothing relating to the accusations was discovered. Since the morning that Mario was found injured, the mass media published articles in which he is portrayed as a dangerous terrorist.

We have information that the police are trying to link more people to the facts, Felicity Ryder in particular, whose name has appeared in various mass media outlets as Mario's supposed accomplice, to the point of even declaring that she's been detained; this, however, has not been confirmed by the Attorney General of Mexico (PGR).

We condemn these irregularities, not because we believe in laws and legality, which only serve to sustain this predatory system, but because we think it's important not to shut up before the attempt of the Mexican Federal District's government and judicial police to stage a media case against Mario in particular and the anarchist movement in general.

We are certain that the Mexican Federal District's government intends to make a scapegoat out of Mario, by setting up a case that attempts to link him to other actions and changing the charges, the last one being "Attack on Public Peace", and furthermore that they're beginning a hunt of anarchists. The Attorney General of Mexico has demonstrated that he's incapable of restraining the offensive of anarchist direct action groups and is, thus, trying to take advantage of a compañero's accident in order to make an example of him and strike fear into anarchist groups. We also know that the police have a list of names of comrades and organizations that they are now investigating.

We the members of different organizations and collectives in the anarchist movement declare:

- Our total solidarity with our compañero Mario through these difficult times. We embrace him and await his prompt and thorough recovery.
- Solidarity among anarchists is more than just a written word, as we will take a series of actions to disseminate information about the comrade's situation, as well as to demand his immediate liberation.
- We ask to see and hear Felicity Ryder. In an article from June 29th in the daily newspaper Excelsior, it is mentioned that she has been detained, but this has been neither denied, nor confirmed by the Attorney General of Mexico.
- We reject and denounce the crude attempt by the Mexican Federal District's government to turn our compañero into a scapegoat while he is incapacitated.
- We call on all independent, autonomous and anti-capitalist organizations to be vigilant about the government's attempts to provoke an anti-anarchist witch-hunt. We are sure that this new "leftist" government will continue the policy of prosecution and judicialization of any political expression that doesn't adhere to their plans.
- The social inequality, which sustains this system of domination and exploitation, is much more violent than any form of protest, and attacks the innate right to a dignified life, hindering the freedom of individuals, preying on nature, subjecting the peoples, stripping them and casting them into ever more numerous penitentiaries of this prison-society; this is why we will continue to organize ourselves and build a new world, founded on freedom, mutual aid, solidarity and free accord.

For Mario's freedom!
For anarchy!

Signed,

Cruz Negra Anarquista de México, Federación, Anarquista de México-DF-Edo. Mex., Grupo Anarco Comunista, Colectivo Acción Libertaria, Biblioteca Social Reconstruir, Federación Ecatepec Anarquista, Centro de Información Anarquista, Ediciones Hormiga Libertaria, Espacio anarcofeminista Ni Ama Ni Esclava, Libertas Anticorp, Sin Medios Producciones, Regeneración Radio, Proyecto Ambulante Medios Libres, Proyecto Rhabdovirus, 2HAK Hip Hop Libertario Escarlata Revoltoza, Centro Social Okupado Casa Naranja, Espacio Autónomo Café Emma Goldman, Revista Tiempo Animal, Radio Molocha, Individuos Acratas de la Liga de Lucha Libertaria, Fanzinoteca Lee libre, Videoteca La Revuelta, Integrantes Libertarixs del Espacio Cultural Autónomo Altepetl.

MEXICO: NEW LETTER FROM MARIO LÓPEZ ("EL TRIPA")

31.7.12

Compañer@s, I'll try to make this as brief as possible, as I'll have more than enough time in the future to lay out my stance and my reflections. My position remains the same: I claim myself absolutely as an Anarchist and the only one responsible for my acts.

For now, I'll limit myself to thanking my compañer@s of affinity for their solidarity and to "denounce" just a few deeds of many within this deceitful process which all began the moment I claimed myself an Anarchist, of which I do not regret. ¡Never apologetic!

1. I want to denounce the total complicity of the physicians of the Ruben Leñero General Hospital of Mexico City with the Public Ministry concerning the modification of the declarations so that they would coincide with those of the accusatory part. With this I refer specifically to the declaration, the same one that was taken only two or three hours after surgical intervention, still under anesthetic, and with strong vomiting and dizziness. In the context of such a cowardly complicity, a registry is needed from a juridical physician who must confirm that I was capable of giving a declaration, when not even did the physician not examine me adequately; they never even asked any questions at all as to my state of physical and mental health.
2. As I have said since the beginning, I accepted to some degree my absolute responsibility. As an individual I am, before myself and only myself, responsible for my acts, for that reason from the moment of my arrest I have claimed myself an Anarchist. However, having analyzed with detail the declarations, I have found many things that I never said, but that given the situation it was obvious that they were going to alter them. Precisely here is where the state lawyer's complicity comes in, who was obviously in favour of the Public Ministry, lending himself to all of this set-up.
3. Furthermore, I denounce that the judge who is bringing about my case is clearly colluding with the Public Ministry. From the very moment that I changed lawyer, rejecting the public "defense", the judge has put many traps and barriers in our way, with the obvious intention of avoiding at any cost my lawyers taking on my case. The most cynical of these debacles was the refusal of the judge to accept the evidence presented by my lawyers which shows that I did not write the first declaration, as the judge complicit with the Public Ministry claims, due to being immobile for the effects of the anesthesia which didn't even permit me to read (I read only two lines of their declaration before

vomiting because of the dizziness), and even less was I able to write, for which they forced me to sign the declaration. Moreover, it has to be underlined that the judge didn't accept the evidence that confirmed that the declaration was not mine, based on the graphology investigation that they made in which the declaration clearly does not match my hand-writing.

4. From my ingression to the South Remand Centre and equally during my stay in the hospital, the Public Ministry has tried to isolate me by all means possible. They have impeded my visits, only letting my mother see me once a week. As well they have tried to put me in an unhygienic place that is not apt for my recuperation, which thankfully has not gone as badly as it could thanks to the fact that the doctors here have been able to keep me in a relatively clean area. During my reclusion in the Ruben Leñero General Hospital, with the complicity of the director and of the physicians in charge, they kept me in an area that was inadequate for the attention of my wounds, with permanent custody around my bed and at the mercy of the interrogators. I should point out that all of this the same police officers cynically pointed out to me, threatening to contaminate me with severe infections given the lack of hygiene surrounding me.
5. Also I want to make public the constant harassment that my lawyers are suffering for having accepted to bring about my case. This includes visits to their homes and intimidation of family members, humiliations and threatening comments, among other things. This just adds to the long list of acts that go against my case.
6. I want to show my public appreciation to the rest of the prisoners of the area where I find myself, because they have helped me with the medicines, food, personal hygiene and to maintain my area more or less clean, all of which will help me get better quickly.

Compañer@s, lastly I would like to clarify that all of these denunciations and declaration are not meant to make myself a victim nor do they have the end of asking for compassion from our eternal enemies: the judges, police and the rest of the mercenaries of the system of domination. I ask nothing from them and I will never beg for my freedom. All of the "juridical process" we are bringing about as a mere strategy, nothing more. I write these lines to make my situation known to my compañer@s of affinity, to my friends, family and to the great mesh of complicit compas in solidarity around the world. After reflecting deeply during all of these days, it is very possible that from here on I start to refuse to collaborate with the interrogations and declarations of the accusatory part, something that I should have done from the start. Although legally it might not be a good strategy, as some have advised me, this decision would more be related to my convictions and a consequence of my position on authority and any type of power.

This experience has been very difficult, but with strength, a lot of rage and with the complicity of my close ones, I keep on going. Thanks to all of you for your support!

If from the start I accepted the responsibility of my acts it was also in part because I didn't wish to involve more compañer@s of ideas in my individual acts. Again, I appreciate all of the solidarity from you all and for the acts directed at my support and that of Felicity, without devaluing any- each has its own weight and its own importance.

I also thank the compas of the CCF-Greece for their words, which gave me strength to keep going. Solidarity is out best weapon.

Never defeated, never repenting!

¡Qué Viva la Anarquía!

Mario López, "Tripa"
Anarchist prisoner of the
Government of Mexico City, Mexico.

LETTER FROM FELICITY RYDER FROM SOMEWHERE OUTSIDE THE CAGES

17.7.12

Note: According to reports, Chilean police are also conducting an investigation into Felicity Ryder, as she spent two months there in 2011. They are investigating whether she may have had contact with local anarchist groups and investigating any connection with a bombing.

Comrades, friends,

I would have liked to have written earlier, but for various circumstances I haven't had the chance to yet. I want to send a warm greeting and say thanks to everyone who has worried about me and my situation, to those who have shown solidarity with Mario and I. In these difficult moments it means a lot to have people standing in solidarity from near or from far, even without ever having met me. I sent a revolutionary hug to all of you.

I want to clarify that despite all of the lies of the Mexico City police forces and the mass media, I was never arrested and they never had me detained in any of their prisons. I have tried to understand why they would have said that and spread such false information throughout Mexico as well as Australia, but at the end of the day, as a free person I don't think like a police officer, and I won't be able to understand. If it was to

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TO MARIO LOPEZ & FELICITY RYDER

try in vain to break or manipulate Mario, to manipulate my family, or to try to appear half competent in doing their jobs, I don´t know.

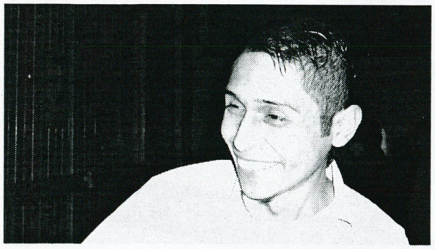
What I do know is that I am proud of being an Anarchist, and proud to be an enemy of authority and the State.

To my brother Mario, I send him a giant hug and much strength and health. I know that he will always maintain his convictions strong, as well as his desire to achieve Total Liberation. I will always be by your side, compañero. Remember, always face to face with the enemy!

I also send a warm greeting to the fugitive comrades Diego Rios and Gabriela Curilem in Chile. A warm hug to the comrades from the CCF and Revolutionary Struggle in Greece, to the anarchist comrades in prison in Italy, to Braulio Duran, Luciano Pitronello, Gabriel Pombo da Silva, and to all of the anarchist prisoners and fugitives all over the world.

Que viva la Anarquia!

Felicity.



ANARCHIST MARIO LÓPEZ RELEASED FROM PRE-TRIAL DETENTION

29.12.12

On December 29th, at about 1am, our comrade Mario López 'Tripa' hit the streets again. With the help of solidarians, Mario paid the bail that was set for his release, so he will now await trial in 'freedom'.

Thanks so much to all those who, one way or another, have supported this struggle. We still need to take many comrades out of prisons. Freedom for Braulio Duran, who is remanded in León!

Down with the walls of prisons!

Strength to all comrades who are imprisoned or on the run!

LONG LIVE ANARCHY!

For more info:

solidaridadmario.espivblogs.net

LETTER OF FELICITY RYDER FROM CLANDESTINITY ON THE RECENT CONDITIONAL RELEASE OF MARIO LÓPEZ FROM THE MEXICAN PRISONS

29.12.12

To my brother Mario,

Six months have passed since you were kidnapped that night out of bad luck, since you were tortured and threatened, since your family and friends were harassed. For six months they tried everything to break your acratist spirit – they locked your body within four walls and innumerable bars, away from the wild forests where you belong, but could not penetrate your mind at all times that you were close to your comrades in affinity across the world. They made you undergo pain, but your willingness to fight always won.

They tried to hinder your advocates in affinity, in order to stop them from expressing their solidarity with you, not realizing that a couple of male strangers lurking in the shadows at dawn and some empty death threats would not be able to stop those who are willing to fight alongside you. They sent their prisoners-traitors to do you harm, but the solidarity which was sown always proved stronger. During these months you mocked the enemy, enduring the pain, incertitude and torture of the confinement of a savage individual, and each long second you clung tight to your convictions. You used all your bursting energy to propagate freedom in every step, succeeding even in such an infertile place to continue the analysis of our insurrectional struggle, without ever stopping to fight, even for a second, for freedom and anarchy.

Today, when you step out on the street again, you should know that you were never actually deprived of your freedom — all this time you were free, because despite everything they tried, they weren't and will never be able to take away the freedom that runs through your veins, through our veins. I know very well that this is far from over — we are all aware of the deceptions and vengeance that consist the very essence of the State — but I realize that your comrades stand beside you, and your indomitable spirit for anarchy can only grow even stronger.

Just like you, I wish that all our comrades who are either prisoners or fugitives in Mexico, Italy, Chile, Greece, Bolivia, Germany, Spain, Switzerland and all over the world can also walk on the street today, enter their homes and embrace their loved ones. And although they proudly endure incarceration and incertitude, they are also with us at all times.

Forward, comrade; there is still so much to be done... Your sister in affinity,

Felicity

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